

King receives congratulations

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Tresday received cables from Arab and world leaders congratulating him on his 59th birthday and wishing him continued good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity. The cables came from Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, President Islam Karmov of Uzbekistan, President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, President of Ecuador Sixto Duran Ballen. The King also received cables from Prince Charles of Britain, and head of the Greek Orthodox church in Jerusalem Patriarch Deodoros I. To mark the occasion, the Greater Amman Education Department held a major celebration, including speeches, songs, debkas and poems. The celebra-tion was attended by Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, the ministry's secretaries general and education department heads.

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# King: Jordan has won peace with honour

His Majesty, in address to the nation, warns against using false interpretations of Islam and use of mosques for 'intellectual terrorism' Jordan always stood by Arabs but found itself receiving negativism

Israel has returned Kingdom's water rights, rest will be negotiated with others

Jordan will not allow itself to be used as springboard for attacks against Israel

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - His Majesty King Hussein said Tuesday Jordan had won the battle for peace with honour and that he would not tolerate opponents of peace who base their arguments on their interpretations of the Islamic faith and mosques being used for political purposes.

In a nationwide speech, the first in several months, the King said Jordan had entered a new era where it would consolidate its gains in the fields of human rights, social justice, pluralism and equal-

Without naming anyone, the King also assailed Arabs for leaving Jordan at "the receiving end of their negative attitude, their lack of clarity, their waste of opportunities, their reliance on unbridled emotion, their superficial approach to the future and our nation's destiny..." The King, in the hard-hitting speech, defended Jordan's position on the issue of

"recognised even by those who fought against us... but one denied by the ungrateful. mitment to helping the Palestinians regain their rights, the King said the Kingdom would continue to perform its role as the custo-

dan's role in Jerusalem was not in any way "any diminution of the rights of the

achieve their rights on their national soil along the path they have chosen," he said. The King said Jordan was a

victim of "selectivity and dis-tortion... that blemished some of the purest images of the struggle of the Jordanian and Palestinian people,

Reaffirming Jordan's comdian of the holy places in Jerusalem "until a final and comprehensive peace is He reaffirmed that Jor-

Palestinians to Jerusalem. On the contrary, it will boister the peace of believers in God and will serve to guarantee a continuation of this peace." We stand by the Palestinians in their attempt to

the two banks of the River

The King recalled that as far back as 1965, 23 years before Jordan severed legal and administrative links with the West Bank and nine years before the Arab summit in Rabat where the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was designated as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, he had made it clear that the Kingdom was ready to hand over the responsibility for the Palestinians to the PLO. The King was referring to

an address he made to the first meeting of the Palestine National Council in Jerusalem. He told the meeting that if the Arabs and Palestinians felt that Jordan "does not have the legitimacy of speaking in the name of the Palestinians who live its midst, who carry its citizenship and who have become part of its institutions. or of defending the rights of this people... and if they deem this legitimate aspect to be restricted to the PLO, then... I place on their shoul-



of their decision and all the consequences it entail. I consider it to be a release of our current political responsibi-

The King, the longest-reigning Arab monarch who turned 59 on Monday, said the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty had restored only part of the Kingdom's water rights from "one of the parties concerned with the water issue." "Jordan will strive, in the context of comprehensive

in an implicit reference to Syria, an upstream neighbour along the River Yarmouk.

Lashing out at opponents of the peace treaty, the King said that while Jordan was committed to respecting the freedom of opinion such freedom should not exceed unacceptable limits. "It is unreasonable and unacceptable to go to exaggerated lengths in the name of freedom of opinion, of exercising intellectual terrorism, over thepeople as a whole and denying the right of the majority as a whole to take a decision, which, at the end of the day, everybody must re-

spect."
"Islam cannot be against peace, it cannot side with darkness against light, or with death against life," said the King, vowing that the

pulpits of mosques "may not after today serve as places for irresponsible expression in the name of Islam." "Islam does not condone" the expropriation of the people's right to hear from these here on earth," added the Monarch.

The King said "intellectual terrorism" also meant "misrepresenting religion, faith and righteousness, of tending to deny the rights of others to life or to pass over their suffering, or not to realise that our nations have their own orphans and widows." King Hussein, noting that

Jordan and Israel were in the process of planning Israeli withdrawal from Jordanian land and removing the wirefences and mining towards the complete restoration of Jordan's rights and sovereignty, said the Kingdom's security forces had the responsibility "of keeping this peace and rising up to its requirements in letter and spirit, not permitting our lands to be in any way a springboard or any area of action for any party opposed

to peace."

The King said Jordan remained always committed to pan-Arab principles and posi-tion even at the expense of its own national interests but manifestations of ingrati-

The King said no one could claim "they had given more than" Jordan did. "As God is our witness, we never did anything for the purpose of any gain, nor did we seek recompense, because even as we fended off the hunger threatening our children and bade farewell to our martyrs, we sought nothing but God's favour and the unity of our

The King said Jordan always held aloft its principled approach to Arab causes even when confusion capable of weaving a civilisation that would transcend the wounds of the past, understand the present, anticipate the future and enable peoples to participate fully exercise their free will."

The new era of peace in the Middle East, the King said, warranted comprehensive reform to the minutest detail to prepare Jordan to face the requirements of the new phase ".... a most difficult battle in which those who are capable of patience, con-struction and learning will prove themselves in this world."

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reigned over the most knowledgeable among as to the distinction between oil and blood, between revolution and rebellion, between faith and denial of faith."

Jordan did so and sought to end the Arabs' "cultural isolation and the state of chaos engulfing both politics most fit to carry the torch...

Outlining a new system of Hashemite succession, the King said His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan will succeed him and "after us the grandchildren of Al Hussein Ben Ali shall select from among them and express feality to whomever they deem

# Spanish royal couple in Riyadh

RIYADH (Agencies) — King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain flew in Tuesday on a two-day visit ex-pected to include a meeting with King Fahd. They were welcomed on

arrival from Jordan by Crown Prince Abdullah. Their entourage included Spanish Foreign Minister favier Solana and six other

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia flew to Saudi irabia after a two-day priate visit to Aqaba.

They were seen off by heir Majesties King Hussein nd Queen Noor and memers of the royal family.

## **Hinton defends** siam

'.KARTA (AFP) — U.S. resident Bill Clinton on resday bailed predominant-Muslim Indonesia's record r religious tolerance and alled a new appeal for the est not to associate Islam th "terrorism." Mr. Clinn was asked after an Asiacific summit why, as a ristian, he had chosen to it the Istiqlal Mosque in carta on Monday. He reed that he wanted to view impressive structure himf, but also because "Innesia is a predominantly islim country that has a y vibrant, Catholic, Protant, Buddhist, Hindu itage with active religions ill those areas." Mr. Clin-.. reiterating remarks that made in Jordan at the ning of the Israel-Jordan ice accord, said that "even ugh we have had probis with terrorism coming of the Middle East it is inherently related to m, not to the religion, not the culture." "The tradi-1 of Islam in Indonesia, I ik, makes that point very phically," he said. "It's nething our people in erica need to know, it's nething people in the st, throughout the West, d to know."

# Jordan, Israel discuss pullout, clearing mines

and Israel discussed Tuesday arrangements for an Israeli withdrawal from Jordanian territories and the removal of mines and other obstacles along their common border.

Brigadier General Tahsin Shurdum who headed the Jordanian team to the session at a Dead Sea hotel, said that the talks will resume Nov. 23. He said the main work at this stage was the removal of

barbed wire and clearing the border area of land mines, which, he noted, would take three months to complete. These steps require intense work by the joint committee

sonnel on both sides, he

to the meeting. Gen. Shurdum noted also

next week which involves military per-

Major General Uzi Davan is the head of the Israeli side

that the same committee

He said that the Israeli side showed full understanding and cooperation in the implementation of the two articles "We discussed the modali-

ties of removing barbed wires and cleaning the minefields as well as redelineating borders as stipulated in the peace treaty," Gen. Shurdum said.

He said both parties had "charted general guidelines and laid down a timetable to implement the committee's task on the ground during the

At a later stage, Jordan and Israel would demarcate the limits of their territorial waters with floating objects, as agreed in the peace treaty. Gen. Shurdum added.

Meanwhile, the head of the Jordanian delegation to the

din, returned from a working group meeting in Athens and said that the discussions were

The participants agreed on the need to pursue studies on water resources in the Middle East region and to determine the amount of water deficit and projects to meet them, Dr. Haddadin said.

The participants also agreed on the establishment of a water data bank to provide the concerned parties with information related to water and approval of a study financed by Norway concerning laws governing manage-ment of water resources, he

The working group approved a programme for training personnel fom the Middle East region on water sector issues to be carried out in France, Austria, Germany

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq has promised to give United Nations arms inspectors the data they need to complete their information on Baghdad's past weapons programmes, a senior U.N. official said Tuesday.

Charles Duelfer, deputy executive chairman of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) on Iraq, said the promise was made by General Amer Rasheed, head of Iraq's Military Industrialisation Commission.

"The promised improved efforts in this direction ... to apply more vigour in efforts," Mr. Duelfer told

Mr. Duelfer arrived in Baghdad on Monday to press Iraq over what he described 'significant gaps" in information on past weapons programmes, particularly biological warfare. He met Gen. Rasheed on

Monday night and they expect to talk again before he left Baghdad on Thursday. "It was a good meeting. We had an honest exchange of the technical issues and their importance," Mr. Duel-

Mr. Duelfer's mission is to account for and dismantle Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, including its nuclear, chemical and biological arsenal, under the terms of the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire.

Baghdad last Thursday recognised Kuwait, which it invaded in 1990, as an independent state, another key U.N.

But in New York on Mon-day night, the U.N. Security Council voted to make an sanctions, which bar the export of Iraqi oil (see page 2). Mr. Duelfer said Iraq's supplying of missing data would help UNSCOM have a complete picture of past

Otherwise "it will delay a favourable report by the commission to the Security Council," he said. The U.N.'s long-term monitoring programme,

operational, has not yet covered the biological area, he

Iraq must supply UN-SCOM with a complete inventory of its microbiologyrelated facilities to enable experts to verify that Baghdad will not experiment with biological agents for warfare purposes again, Mr. Duefler

"We have little substantiation to verify the program-

Iraq meanwhile accused the United States and Britain of trying to carve it up and control its oil wealth by prolonging crippling economic

"Both countries want to see Iraq dismembered," the official Baghdad Observer said in an article after the U.N. Security Council in New York decided to renew sanctions.

The two want Iraq to "abandon its sovereignty and territorial integrity and even-tually let the American and trol its oil wealth," said the Information Ministry newspaper. The 15-member council met in informal session after Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz handed over documents on Iraq's official recognition of Kuwait to Madeleine Albright, the

council's current president.

The council, which reviews the sanctions every two months, urged Baghdad to meet the demands of the

U.N. weapons disarmament commission, free Kuwaiti prisoners of war, return Kuwaiti assets and satisfy U.N. demands on human

Mr. Aziz expressed hope that the council would act "in a positive manner to this important step on the side of Iraq," arguing that his government had now fulfilled the conditions for lifting the sanctions regime.

The question of Iraq's recognition of Kuwait was taken

# **APEC** summit clinches 21st century free trade deal

BOGOR, Indonesia (Agencies) — Leaders of the Asia-Pacific region on Tuesday agreed to create the world's biggest free trade area by the year 2020.

At a five-and-a-half hour summit in the colonial retreat of Bogor, 60 kilometres from Jakarta, members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum said their economies - responsible for half the globe's commerce - would show the world the way to a free trade

"Our goal is an ambitious one. But we are determined to demonstrate APEC's leadership in fostering further global trade and investment liberalisation," their Bogor declaration said. "It will start our concerted

liberalisation process from the very date of this state-APEC comprises Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines. Singapore, South Korea. Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

"This agreement is good news for the countries of this region and especially good news for the United States and its workers," U.S. President Bill Clinton told a news U.S. products and services

will become more competitive abroad as a result of freer trade arrangements in Asia, Mr. Clinton said at the conclusion of the meeting. The timetable to end trade barriers among 18 Pacific Rim nations calls for only the

biggest industrial economies

2010. Most of the rest of the

region would get another 10

drop trade barriers by

years, until 2020. Mr. Clinton touted the accord as a natural outgrowth of the initial Asia-Pacific rim summit he organised a year

ago in Seattle, and said that the leaders would now work on a "detailed action agenda" for a follow-through summit next year in Osaka,

He hailed the meeting as "historic" but said the greater challenge is in making the agreement workable. "If we adopt a blueprint (for lowering trade barriers), that is a very good sign."

Most APEC leaders hailed

the Bogor declaration as a watershed for the Asia-Pacific, but Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad alone frostily refused his The declaration was even welcomed as "positive" by Chinese President Jiang

Zemin, who had previously rejected the idea of a timetable, saying it could dangerously expose the vulnerable economies of developing countries to the full force of

BETHLEHEM, Occupied PNA declared it Palestine in-West Bank (Agencies) — Palestinians celebrated the dependence day.
"What was once a dream

tourism to PNA

Palestinians celebrate 6th year

sixth anniversary of their declaration of independence on Tuesday, taking control of tourism in the West Bank at a ceremony in the birthplace of The Bethlehem ceremony

and a similar event in the town of Ramallah - during which Israel handed over authority in social welfare to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) - gave the Gaza-based Palestinian National Authority (PNA) a new foothold in the West

Yet Palestinians had several reasons to celebrate. Six years ago on Tuesday the Palestine National Council, meeting in Algiers, declared an independent Palestinian state in the West

of independence declaration

has today become a reality. We are in our homeland," PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, head of the PNA, told a crowd of 7,000 celebrants in the Gaza Strip handed over by Israel in May. He appealed to Islamic

groups opposed to his 1993 peace deal with Israel, urging them to unite in building a bomeland. Mr. Arafat said Islamic

militants were using poverty to gain influence and warned that the peace process could collapse if donor nations do not make good on aid Mr. Arafat said that less than \$40 million, only six per

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cent of the funds, have come

# (Continued on page 2) Israel hands over Rabin visits settlers to reassure them

GAZA (Agencies) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Tuesday visited the scene of a Palestinian suicide bombing last week and assured Israelis in the Gaza Strip that their settlements would stay put.

"No settlements will be dismantled during the interim phase" of Palestinian selfrule, ahead of negotiations on a final settlement, he said during a tour of army units protecting the Jewish communities on the autonomous

Mr. Rabin visited the Gush

Katif block of settlements and the army post near the Netzarim settlement, where a suicide bomber killed himself along with three Israeli soldiers last Friday. The Palestinian National

Authority (PNA), was not doing enough to prevent attacks by opponents of the autonomy deal with Israel, he told reporters, calling for more serious efforts to combat terrorism.

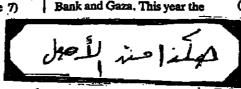
A settlers' leader welcomed Mr. Rabin's visit. prime minister had come to meet the Jews living in Gaza since Palestinian self-rule was launched in May.

"He proposed solutions for our security and I hope he will not give way to extreme left-wing ministers who want us to leave," said Zvi Hendel, head of the council of Gaza settlements. Mr. Rabin, who also serves

as defence minister, was accompanied on the Gaza visit by the army's chief-ofstaff, General Ehud Barak, and the new commander for the region, General Shaul Motaz. The army earlier blocked

off one of the main roads in the autonomous territory to allow settlers to pray at the scene of the bombing carried out by a member of Islamic Jihad, Palestinian sources

Hundreds of Palestinian drivers were stuck when the army blocked off the road



# **U.S.** on offensive in public relations on Iraq sanctions

to enjoy an uninterrupted supply of cigarettes, liquor.

ice cream and other imported

The sanctions "have not

prevented Saddam Hussein

from spending at least half a

billion dollars on building

literally dozens of opulent

new palaces for the exclusive

use of his family," she said.

graphs showed that "these

buildings are no farm houses

or little cottages "but on a scale" that is a great deal closer to Versailles than it is

had declined to take advan-

tage of long-standing Security

Council resolutions enabling

it to sell \$1.6 billion worth of

oil to provide money for food, medicines and other

such an arrangement, involv-

ing the strict monitoring of oil

contracts and humanitarian

goods, as an infringement on

At issue is a 1991 Gulf war

Resolution 687 setting down

requirements for Iraq -

Kuwait, accounting for all

Diplomats on the council

did not say whether their

decision to extend the oil

embargo and other sanctions

spending on luxury goods and

spending on palace construc-

recognising the new U.N.-

sanctions on Iraq for certain

reasons and those reasons do

not exist anymore," Mr. Aziz

showed the tension between

Mr. Aziz and Ms. Albright,

who previously refused to

meet with him. They met

Monday only because she is

president of the Security

Council, which is reviewing

Ms. Albright wore a snake-

shaped brooch to the meet-

ing, making light of Iraqi

newspaper accounts compar-

ing her to a snake, a U.S.

The brevity of the meeting

"The council has imposed

drawn Kuwaiti border.

said afterwards.

the sanctions.

Mr. Aziz rejected the

"That's rubbish," Mr. Aziz

humanitarian supplies. Baghdad says it regards

its sovereignty.

goods to Iraq.

Ms. Albright noted Iraq

to anything else."

Mr. Hannay said photo-

-- UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — The United States introduced President Saddam Hussein's "pleasure palaces" into discussions on Iraqi sanctions on Monday in an attempt to quash concern for hardships endured by ordinary Iraqis because of the four-year-old U.N. embargoes.

U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright made alleged lavish spending by President Saddam the main issue in Security Council discussions on Iraqi sanctions, showing satellite photographs of palaces and luxury homes - being built for Iraq's elite she said cost \$500 million.

"Living standards for most Iraqis have fallen but not for Saddam Hussein and his family," she said.

Dismayed at the U.S. public relations offensive, Rus-- sia's Ambassador Sergei Lav-rov said: "Building palaces was not described in any Security Council resolutions in relation to sanctions intro-

duced in Iraq."
"Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz pre-sented Albright, the current council president, with documents showing Iraq had recognised Kuwait as an independent country within borders specified by the United Nations last year.

The long-awaited move enacted in Baghdad on Thursday and engineered by Russia, was greeted positively by most council members during their regular 60-day review of sanctions imposed on Iraq after it invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Sanctions, however, remained in place. The key requirements towards easing the oil embargo - making . sure Iraq does not reacquire weapons of mass destruction - is not yet completed.

British Ambassador sir David Hannay said there was no dissent in the council ab-- out retaining the sanctions -but there was a "very broad .. welcome" on Iraq's recognition of Kuwait.

, Recognition of Kuwait's borders was considered central by all 15 council members as closing a chapter in Iraq's contention that Kuwait was its 19th province and therefore justifying the August

Ms. Albright will acknowledge the recognition in writing and the council was expected to adopt a statement on Tuesday welcoming the decision as "a necessary and · significant step towards the restoration of peace and stability in the region," according to an early draft.

- . The statement also says the council anticipates Iraq's "complete compliance with · all its relevant resolutions."

Mr. Aziz, for his part, said - he expected the council to move towards lifting sanctions as only political reasons prevented it towards doing

· He told reporters he wanted "the council to honour its own resolutions, resolutions containing obliga-tions on the side of Iraq, and they contain also obligations on the part of the council.'

Ms. Albright, during her address to the council distributed to reporters said presi-

# Iraq ready to provide data

(Continued from page 1) up at a separate council meeting later in the day, but no decision was reached on how to respond, the Security Council president said.

**JORDAN TELEVISION** 

Russia and France have argued that the oil embargo on Iraq should be lifted after a six-month testing period of a U.N. monitoring system to ensure Baghdad's long-term disarmament.

# explains Jordan's stand

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House of Parliament speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi said His Majesty King Hus-sein has all through the stages of the Arab-Israeli conflict endeavoured to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the region to give its peoples the chance to live a dignified life. At a meeting with a visit-

ing Belgian parliamentary delegation (see photo), Mr. Lawzi said the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty was the fruit of streneous efforts exerted by the King to establish a permanent peace in the Middle East. He said the Jordanian

and Belgian parliaments share all human rights values and principles of democracy within a context

to reduce conflicts and urged the international community to help in resolving the Palestinian

peoples of the Middle East

Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem.



of equality among all

He stressed the need to remove social and economic differences among the

question and to help the Palestinian people regain their rights in the occupied

# France keen on Saudi cooperation —King Fahd

DUBAI (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia said on Monday France wanted Saudi cooperation on the situation of Mushims there, Saudi Information Minister Ali Al Shaer was quoted by the Saudi press agency as saying.

scrapping weapons of mass destruction, recognising Speaking after a weekly cabinet meeting, Mr. Shaer Kuwaiti prisoners and propquoted the king as saying that French Interior Minister erty, among others. The United States insists that all de-Charles Pasqua told him the mands, including those in French government was other resolutions, must be "keen to cooperate with met before the oil embargo is Saudi Arabia on the situation of Muslims in France and of But Resolution 687 ties liftthe French government's deing the oil embargo to comsire to organise Muslim pletion of the disarmament groups there. process only while all other demands relate to import of

Mr. Pasqua left Saudi Arabia on Sunday night after a

three-day official visit.

Mr. Pasqua told a news conference in Riyadh before leaving the kingdom that he discussed with the king the situation of Muslims in

Mr. Pasqua told the king France wanted Muslims "to practice their rites freely with regard to French laws" and without exploitation of religion for political ends, Mr. Shaer added. The king said he told Mr. Pasqua that Saudi Arabia was

"in its turn keen that when

Muslims settle in a foreign

country they should take into consideration the laws of that The French government's

decision to prohibit Muslim girls from wearing Islamic headscarves in secular state schools has angered many France was also cracking

down on suspected Muslim Mr. Pasqua signed a

memorandum of understanding with Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ben Abdul Aziz to upgrade border security and said it did not include arms sales.

Mr. Shaer said the king praised remarks by Saudi Arabia's top cleric in which he urged. Muslims to ignore publications issued by a militant opposition group.

The king referred to "the valuable advice and sound directives from our esteemed ulemas (clerics)... drawing Muslims' attention to practices by some pretenders which are contrary to the teachings of the religion. The king said: "It is our

duty to be aware of all the words and deeds contrary to the Islamic belief."

The Saudi Interior Ministry said in September it had arrested dozens of people in connection with attempts to sow dissent and chaos. It said in mid-October that out of 157 detainees, 130 were released and another 27 were still under investigation.

# Rabin, Netanyahu and Gore to address Jewish meeting

DENVER (AP) - The was affected by the reports of Mideast peace process will be the focus of debate at North America's largest annual gathering of Jewish leaders U.S. claims about lavish taking place this week in De-

Israeli Prime Minister Yitsaid. "We have not only built zhak Rabin, opposition leadpalaces, we have built er Benjamin Netanyahu and bridges, we've built hospitals Vice President Al Gore are and refineries and power stascheduled to address the tions that were bombed dur-General Assembly of the ing the war."

Ms. Albright also said Council of Jewish Federations. Iraq had asked for huma-

nitarian exemptions from the representing a broad cross-U.N. embargo to import fur coats, brass beds, marble tilscheduled to vote on a noning, TVs and VCRs. binding resolution that would In a meeting with Ms. approve the Mideast peace Albright that lasted just two process and condemn "terminutes, Mr. Aziz argued that Iraq had met the conditions for lifting sanctions by

"The resolution is exnected to draw some opposi-

"Even though a majority of American Jewry today is in favour of the peace accords and is behind the Rabin government, there is a significant segment that is disturbed by the peace accords and regards them as potentially dangerous for the state of Israel," said Rabbi Stanley Wagner of Denver's BMH synagogue.

The assembly is an umbrelsection of Jewish leaders, are la organisation for 189 North American federations that raise money for Jewish causes. Last year, the groups generated about \$750 million rorism" by Hamas, a militant for assistance to the elderly,

education projects and aid for Israel. The assembly officially

opens Wednesday night and runs through Saturday at the Colorado convention centre. Mr. Rabin is scheduled to speak Thursday evening, followed by Mr. Gore on Friday morning and Mr. Netanyahu, head of the right-wing opposition Likud Party, later

Other items on the assembly's agenda include Islamic fundamentalism, the Israeli nv. and relat tween the United States and Israel.

Mr. Rabin is expected to push for stronger support of his government's efforts in making peace with the Palestine Liberation Organisation,

Jordan and Syria. George Gumbiner, a Denver spokesman for Americans for a Safe Israel, said

his organisation plans to protest the peace process prior to Mr. Rabin's speech by holding a memorial service for victims of Hamas. This should not be a

celebration." he said.

It is the first time in assembly history that an Israeli opposition party leader has been invited to speak. "The feeling was that we

should hear both sides of the story. That our delegates should hear all viewpoints and not just the viewpoints of the government," said Frank Strauss, a spokesman for the Council of Jewish Federations in New York.

# Egypt seeks place between Maghreb, Fertile Crescent

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt, seeking to join the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU), wants to play a pivotal role between North Africa and the Middle East in order to avoid political isolation. Egyptian and Western diplomats say.

"The country, the most important in the Arab World, is paradoxically in a very complex situation," commented one Western envoy.

"It is separated from the Fertile Crescent by the Sinai desert and from the Maghreb by the Libyan desert. It is in Africa but it (also) lies in Asia.'

The Maghreb embraces North Africa, notably Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco. The Fertile Crescent refers to territory from the Eastern Mediterranean Lebanon, Syria, Israel down to Iraq.
"Egypt lies on the

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Mediterranean overlooking Europe. It is part of all the blocks but it does not know to which it belongs," the diplomat added. Egypt has officially re-

quested status as an observer in the AMU, which groups Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia, and is weighing membership in the regional group, Nabil Fahmi, political consultant to Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa, told AFP.

Mr. Musa, quoted Monday by the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram, said the Egyptian request would be examined during the next AMU summit, set to take place in Libya in April.

"Egypt's integration into the AMU will promote Egypt's role as a link between the Northern African countries and the Eastern Mediterranean," Mr. Fahmi

"We are not immediately waiting for tangible results from our membership to the AMU. But there is an international tendency to form regional blocks and the coordination between Egypt and the AMU could bring good results for all of us," he

added. Mr. Fahmi said cooperation between Egypt and the AMU could include coordination in policies toward the European Union and the Middle East regional cooperation block launched during the Casablanca economic gathering in October.

According to another Egyptian\_diplomat, Hisham Yousef, Egypt's membership in the AMU "is a political message with economic implications." "It must establish an

eauilibrium between development of the Fertile Crescent and the Maghreb,"

Mr. Yousef added, noting that the Middle East multilateral negotiations have until now focused on the promotion of economic projects between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

At the Casablanca meeting Egypt proposed 40 projects aimed at making the Sinai peninsula the link between the Nile Valley and the Eastern Mediterranean. But Mr. Yousef added:

"Egypt is not linked only to the Fertile Crescent and it must preserve its Arab characteristic." The document, which will

be discussed at the next meeting of the Damascus Declaration countries — Egypt, Syria and the Gulf states - includes several proposals based on the principle of partenership rather than simply financial aid from the Gulf states, Mr. Yousef

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

# League says boycott of Israel to continue

CAIRO (AFP) - The Arab economic boycott of Israel will stay in place until Israel hands back occupied Syrian and Lebanese land and complies with U.N. resolutions, the secretary-general of the Arab League said Monday. "There secretary-general of the Arab League said Monday. There will be no peace with Israel without the return of all occupied Syrian and Lebanese land and without Israel's implementation of the relevant (U.N.) Security Council resolutions," said Esmat Abdul Meguid, quoted by Egypt's Middle East News Agency. "The end of the Arab economic boycott and the establishment of a Middle East market is linked to reaching comprehensive peace." At the end of September the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), comprising Saudi Arabia Kuwait, Bahrain, Oatar, the comprising Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman, eased its boycott without resorting to the Arab League. But the league maintains that it cannot lift the boycott unless two-thirds of its ministerial council, which meets twice annually, support the move. Dr. Abdul Meguid told AFP that Arab League experts would put forward a statute for an Arab court of justice by next September at the latest. The court, which will be similar to the International Court of Justice in the Hague, was put firmly on the league's agenda after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

# Tunisia restricts entry from Libya

TUNIS (AFP) — Foreigners wanting to enter Tunisia from Libya must have a medical certificate saying they are not contaminated by plague, French travellers told AFP Monday. The travellers, who were turned back at the Ras Jedir border post Sunday, said only citizens of the Arab Maghreb Union countries — Tunisia, Libya, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania — could cross the border. Tunisian customs officials prevented other foreigners Tunisian customs officials prevented other foreigners entering the country, citing cases of plague in Libya. The restriction followed the lifting of a Tunisian ban imposed Saturday on foreigners entering or leaving Libya via Ras Jedir. The travellers said 15 foreigners were stuck at Ras Jedir and 15 more between the Tunisian and Libyan border posts. Ras Jedir is the only official crossing point between the two countries. Libya is still under a U.N. air embargo imposed in April 1992 following the bombings of a Pan Am arriner in 1988 and a UTA airliner in 1989, in which Libyans were implicated. Observer have said the Turnisian Libyans were implicated. Observers here said the Tunisian restriction was retaliation for a Libyan requirement that Tunisian travellers carry cholera vaccination certificates. Libya announced on Oct. 30 that it had taken steps to prevent a cholera, epidemic spreading from other African countries, including Tunisia. Officials here denied the

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## Mubarak to start European tour Sunday

CAIRO (AFP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will begin a tour of four European countries Sunday focusing on the Middle East peace process and bilateral relations, the semi-official Al Ahram newspaper reported. Mr. Mubarak will visit Britain first, then Italy, Romania and Poland. In Britain, Mr. Mubarak will discuss the Middle East situation with Prime Minister John Major, Egypt's Ambassador to London Mohammad Shaker was quoted as saying in Al Ahram's Tuesday edition. The talks would also cover economic cooperation, "with the aim of giving a strong boost to bilateral relations," Mr. Shaker said. Mr. Mubarak will also meet Queen Elizabeth II and British opposition leaders, the paper said. It did not give details of Mr. Mubarak's meetings in the other these countries. Mr. Mubarak's meetings in the other three countries.

# Concert celebrates hopes for Mideast peace

ALLENTOWN (AP) — Arab and Jewish musicians were among the featured performers during a tuneup concert for a similar multicultural event planned for next fall in the Middle East. More than 100 musicians and singers particinated in Sunday's concert billed as "a celebration of hope" at Muhlenberg college. "I feel lucky to be a part of something that will be appreciated all over the world," David Amram, who demonstrated several Middle-Eastern horns and drums and culminated his act by playing three flutes at the same time. "After living through the Mideast conflict, it is truly amazing to see the Arab and Jewish women standing side by side," said Joanna Cooper-Ryan, a Jerusalem native and co-producer of the concert planned for next fall. The plans are for the fall concert to be simulcast in Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Palestinian autonomous area. The Middle East concert has been billed as the next "live aid" by Mitchell Productions, the company that produced the 1985 worldwide extravaganza for famine relief. Organisers said Sunday's event was spiritually uplifting but a financial failure, because of low attendance. "We didn't meet any of our financial goals," said peace-promoter Dixie Belcher, who had hoped to raise \$20,000 for children's projects in the Allentown area and provide funds for the Middle East concert. Mr. Belcher also organised a 1989 folk and rock concert in Anchorage, Alaska, which reunited Alaskan natives with Siberian

# Turkish-Cypriots plan to issue own currency

ANKARA (AFP) - Breakaway northern Cyprus plans to ANKARA (AFF) — Breakaway normern Cyprus pians w issue its own currency, Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash said in a newspaper interview published here Monday. He told the daily Cumhuriyet that the self-declared Turkish republic of northern Cyprus marks its 12th anniversary on Tuesday, would have its own currency along with the Turkish lira which it uses. But Mr. Denktash gave no details of when it would be issued or what the currency would be called. U.N. efforts are deadlocked to secure a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation on Cyprus, despite a series of meetings in late October between Denktash and President Glafkos Clerides, a Greek-Cypriot. Ankara alone recognises the TRNC, set up nine years after Turkish troops invaded the northern third of the island following a coup in Nicosia backed by the right-wing junta then ruling Greece.

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children (photo by Crystal)

occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday, Her Majesty Queen Noor Tues-

day inaugurated the Jordan

Volunteers Team eleventh

Jordanian national camp for

handicapped children, a

Royal Court statement said.

vised by 50 volunteers, the

camp provides recreation for

mentally handicapped chil-

dren from throughout Jor-

Established in 1992 by a

Royal Highness Princess Bas-

ma Tuesday met at her office

with Norman Cook, director

general of the Canadian In-

ternational Development

Agency (CIDA), and briefed him on the general program-mes of the Queen Alia Fund

for Social Development

The Princess, who is hon-

ourary chairperson of QAF's

Board of Trustees, also

briefed Dr. Cook on Jordan's

preparations for the Fourth

of Agriculture Mansour Ben Tarif Tuesday received a

chief executive of the Ger-

man Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), H.P.

Merz, who is currently on a

Mr. Ben Tanif and Dr.

Merz discussed scopes of

cooperation between Jordan

and Germany and means of

enhancing ries between the

The minister briefed Dr.

Kingdom and GTZ.

five-day visit to Jordan.

dan, said the statement.

Held in Agaba and super-

Her Majesty Queen Noor on Tuesday presents gifts to participants of a camp for handicapped

Queen inaugurates children's camp

graduates, the Jordan Volun-

teers Team, said the state-

ment, works to provides ser-

vices for charitable centres

and socieites outside Amman

by holding educational and

recreational camps for hand-

rural societies to the needs of

handicapped children and

holds teacher training work-

shops in special education for

centres in underprivileged areas of the Kingdom, it said.

Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Development Agency Director General

Tuesday receives Canadian International Norman Cook at her office (Petra photo)

AMMAN (J.T.) - Her World Conference on women to contribute to the

Women scheduled for next

According to QAF offi-

cials. CIDA plans to organise

and help ensure cooperation

between Canada's non-

governmental organisations

(NGOs) and those in the

Middle East region, particu-

the objectives of the Jorda-

nian National Committee for

Women (JNCW) and its

programmes to enable

Germany, Jordan review prospects

of agricultural sector development

The Princess also discussed

**QAF, CIDA discuss cooperation** 

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MARKET PRICE

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister Merz on challenges facing the region as a result of recent developments, which, he

said, require more attention to the agricultural sector with the aim of developing the Jordanian economy.

He said Jordan was about to finalise new agricultural

policies that take into consideration the new develop-

In addition, he lauded efforts exerted by the German agency to support the agricultural sector in the Kingdom.

socio-economic development

Princess Basma voiced hope that CIDA and QAF

would step up their bilateral

cooperation and she express-

ed appreciation of the Cana-

dian government's assistance

to Jordan's non-

governmental organisations.

he was impressed with OAF

activities, particularly those

directed to benefit women in

the rural regions.

For his part, Dr. Cook said

in the country

The two sides stressed at the meeting the importance of promoting cooperation and conducting studies on means of improving the status of farmers.

Dr. Merz arrived in Amman Saturday to participate in a roundtable conference on the human dimensions of the Middle East peace pro-

# WHAT'S GOING ON

# FILM

\* Video film entitled "Life in the Freezer" (part 2) at the British Council at 7:00 p.m.

# CIRCASSIAN FOLKLORE

Show of Circussian folkiore by Al Ahli Club at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00

# CONCERT

Concert: "La Camerata Nuove Choir And Orchestra" (augmented by The National Music Conservatory Choir and Orchestra) at the Philadelphia Hotel at 8:00 p.m

# **POETRY RECITAL**

Poetry recital by Mohammad Al Qaisi at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art at

# EXHIBITIONS

☆ Ceramic exhibition by Najwa Annah at the Orfali Art Gallery.

☆ Ceramics exhibition by Sa'id Al 'Ani at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art. ★ Exhibition on human international law

entitled "Drawings from Arab Calligraphy" at the Royal Cultural Centre. ☆ First Exhibition of Jordanian Engineering and Electric Products at the Amman Inter-

national Exhibition hall, Marj Al Hamam. ☆ Exhibition of paintings by Daniel Argimon at the Instituto Cervantes (the Spanish

Cultural Centre). ☆ Exhibit entitled "Signs and Symbols: Communication and Interpretation from the Brandywine Workshop" at the American

Ceramics exhibition by Mahmond Taha at Darat Al Funun.

# Police search for women in major fraud case

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Irbid police are searching for two women in their mid-forties, who on Tuesday defrauded a 45-yearold woman and her daughter of \$33,500, JD70 and jewellery worth more than JD2,500, according to Public Security Department (PSD)

reports. The report said that the victim, who was not identified, told police that two months ago, two women approached her home in Al Janoubi suburb in Irbid and called her 20-year-old daughter by name. The two women then told the daughter that they knew her name because they possessed supernatural powers, the report said.

The report said that the girl, who was also not identified, invited the two women into her house. The two women said to have performed magical acts, the report said.

Following a tour of the

camp, the statement said,

Queen Noor met the partici-

pating children and distri-

buted gifts to them. The chil-

dren performed folkloric

dances to celebrate the

Queen Noor, accompanied by Princess Wijdan Ali, was

received by Prince Ra'ad Ben Zeid, Sharifa Hind Nasser,

Prince Firas Ra'ad, the

team's supervisor, Sharifa

Nofa Bint Nasser, the team's

president, and other officials.

King's birthday.

According to the report, the two women claimed that they were from Morocco. One of them identified herself as "Um Mohammad," and the other one as "Fatmeh."

The mother said that her daughter sug gested that these two women cure her younger sister who was deaf and mute. The mother agreed, the report said.

The two women demanded JD1,000 and some jewellery from the victims in order to cure the youngster, and told the family that they will return the money the next day. The report said that the

two women did return the money and jewellery the next day and asked the victims for apprehended.

\$33,500 and more jewellery in order for the magic to

The two women told them that they would return the money after one week; but they never returned, the report said.

A PSD official told the Jordan Times Tuesday evening that the two women were still at large, but police have good descriptions of both.
"This is the first time we

experience such an incident in that area, yet, we have good descriptions of both women, and hopefully we will arrest them soon," the official said.

He called on citizens to take extra precautions when dealing with people who claim that there are witch doctors, healers or claim they have supernatural powers. Also in Irbid on Tuesday,

police questioned a doctor who treated an 11-year-old boy after he was bitten by a scorpion, in Abu Obeidah town. The boy died two days later, police reports said. According to the report, the victim's father told police

that on Nov. 13, his son, Mikhled Ahmad, was bitten by a scorpion. He said that he took his son to a doctor in town for treatment.

According to Mr. Ahmad, Mikhled was listed in good condition and left the doctor's clinic. The next day, the father said, his son died shortly after the glucose bag that was given to him by the same doctor had emptied.

The report said that Mikhled's body was transferred to Al Bashir Hospital for an autopsy. It did not release the name of the doctor and did not say if the doctor was

# **HCST** urges better use of dry, semi-arid areas

MAFRAQ (Petra) - The week, for the establishment head of the agriculture sector of a centre specialised in desertification at Al al Bayt University to work in coor-(HCST), Abdul Rahman Fataftah Tuesday said that ramme to fight the problem.
desert areas, which constitute Dr. Fataftah said increasdesert areas, which constitute 81.3 per cent of Jordan's total area, are full of resources that can meet the requirements and demands of the development process if properly used.

In an address at the opening of a three-day workshop on the application of biotechnology in farming, Dr. Fatafrah said the HCST was prompted to establish a comprehensive development and research programme to be carried out at several stages in the Jordanian desert upon directives by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who is the HCST president.

Dr. Fataftah said that of the most important problems facing development in dry and semi-arid areas in the world is the increased demand for food, adding that the agricultural sector has a key role in achieving food security, which in turn constitutes the core of the agricultural policies and a means

to economic independence. He said the Jordanian desert development programme aims to achieve a lasting environmental development scheme and to contribute to improving the living condi-tions of residents in desert

Also, to achieve these objectives, according to Dr. Fataftali, Prince Hassan has called in August, at the second Jordanian science

areas.

University to work in coor-dination with HCST's prog-

ing agricultural production requires either horizontal or vertical expansion in production, noting that both ways require the utilisation of modern technologies.

Also utilising agricultural will actively contribute to developing dry areas in Jordan after they were excluded from development plans for a long period, he said, adding that the use of bio-technology had led to finding plants resistant to the harsh conditions in the desert, such as the scarcity of water and water salinity.

In addition, genetic engineering has opened new doors for overcoming genetic problems, and its use can increase agricultural production, he said at the opening session to the workshop in which 30 researchers representing 13 Arab and foreign countries and participating.

These come from Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Syria, Sudan, Iraq, Canada, Cyprus, Morocco, Egypt, India and the U.S. Other researchers at the workshop represent the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), the Islamic Network for Genetic Engineering and Bio-technology and the Arab Agriculural Development Organisation.

# **IAF** shura council elects new head

AMMAN (I.T.) — The Shura Council of the Islamic Action Front (IAF) elected Adnan Al Majali as shura council chairman to succeed Abdul Majid Thuneibat who resigned the post after being elected as general observer of the Muslim Brotherhood movement, according to an IAF council statement Tues-

Mr. Majali was an IAF candidate in the 1993 parliamentary election in the Karak district, but failed to acts as the IAF's parliament.

The IAF council also said that council members elected Khader Bani Khaled as assistant to Mr. Majali to succeed Abdul Aziz Jaber. With the reshuffle, the

win a seat in the House.

council thus comprises: Adnan Majali, chairman, Abdul Aziz Shreideh, deputy chairman, Khader Bani Khaled, assistant chairman, and Khaled Qudah, assistant chairman. The shura council

# Rabin vows to ensure U.S. aid

(Continued from page 12)

threatened because it "perfectly meets the strategic needs of both countries." Mr. Rabin is to hold talks

with President Clinton in the White House on Monday, and will also meet leaders of the Republican Party which has seized control of both houses of Congress.

The Israeli leader told his cabinet on Sunday that the United States would "become more conservative, more isolationist and less inclined to pay out foreign

He wants to make sure the aid is kept at the same level for the U.S. budget year beginning on Oct. 1, 1995.

# Shmeisani pedestrian tunnel to formally open today

AMMAN — As part of celebrations marking His Majesty King Hussein's birthday, a ceremony is to be held today to formally inaugurate the tunnel at the Housing Bank Centre

The 30-metre-long tunnel cost the municipality JD 75,000, of which the Housing Bank donated JD 50,000.

Work on the construction of the tunnel started at the beginning of October and took less than a month to complete, said a municipality official, adding that this is the fifth pedestrian or traffic tunnel to be build by the Amman Municipality.

He told the Jordan Times that the eight-metre-wide and three-metre-high tunnel was essential at the busy commer-

road accidents had occurred. Housing Bank Board chairman Zuheir Khouri will formally open the tunnel at a ceremony to be attended by senior municipality officials, said the representative.

Amman Mayor Mamdouh Al Abbadi voiced the municipality's appreciation to the Housing Bank for its donation, saying that the tunnel, would facilitate pedestrians at this traffic-congested area

of Amman. Over the span of two years, Amman Municipality dug two tunnels in the area of the University of Jordan, another at the Independence Road and one at Yadoudeh to the south - all within the Greater Amman region in order to ensure safe pedestrian crossing on heavily congested roads, according to the offi-

Other future tunnels, he said, include a JD 80,000 passageway in a congested area of Zarqa which is expected to be completed in 10 days. The 31-metre-long pedestrian tunnel, he added, was a gift from the Amman Municipality to Zarqa resi-

Dr. Abbadi said the municipality was studying opening a tunnel in the Sweifieh region, connecting it with the Queen Alia Airport highway.

He said the tunnel, which is to be used by vehicles, will save motorists to trouble of having to drive to the Seventh Circle junction enroute to the airport.

The planned tunnel, he added, was expected to cost JD 120,000 to JD 140,000.



OOKING INTO HEALTH CARE: Her centres for girls, according to Dr. Hadid. Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Tuesday He added that costs for the project are tours the new extension of the Jordan covered by donations from citizens, National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) among them Mrs. Kawkab Mango, other hospital and is briefed on the work in donations from Japan, the American. progress on the extension by INRCS Japanese and German Red Cross President Mohammad Al Hadid. The new Societies, the U.S. mission in Geneva and extension is designed to increase the hos- the Japanese embassy in Amman. Prinpital's bed-capacity from 63 to 150, and to cess Sarvath stressed the need for speedinclude new sections, such as gynaecolo- ing up work on the project and thanked gy, intensive care and X-ray units, in the hospital management and the JNRCS addition to sewing and typing training for their achievements (Petra photo)

# Visiting Turkish parliamentarian predicts advanced bilateral ties

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Turkish parliamentarian Bulent Ecevit Tuesday said that Turkish businesspersons would soon be coming to Jordan to seek joint investment projects with the Jorda-

nian business community. Noting that Turkish-Jordanian ties have always been strong, Mr. Ecevit said the Turkish government was seeking to advance bilateral relations in all fields especially as Jordan and Turkey are linked by historic, geographic and cultural ties. Mr. Ecevit, who was on a visit to Jordan to take part in the roundtable

peace, said he believed that Jordan would enjoy further political stability and a stronger economy in the wake of the peace treaty, which, he said, augurs well for all the nations of the Middle East

The Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty, Mr. Ecevit said, was an essential step for the establishment of security and stability, paving the way for

the region's prosperity.

Referring to the recent visit to the Palestinian selfrule areas by Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, Mr. Ecevit said that it reaffirms Turkey's intent to bolster its general, and Jordan and Palestine in particular. He said Turkey was deeply interested in backing economic development projects in

the self-rule areas Asked to comment on the Republican party's success in the elections for the United States Congress and its impact on future U.S. relations with the countries of the region, Mr. Ecevit said it was premature to predict the party's policies. But he expressed hope that the Republicans would help end the U.N. embargo on the Iraqi people and open the door for Irag's return to the international



PRESS MATTERS: Lower House of Par- press coverage of events, and lauded the sed the need for objective and accurate tions Law and the JPA law (Petra photo)

liament Speaker Sa'd Hayel Srour relation between the legislative power and (second right) Tuesday reviews with Pres- the press. Mr. Qudah congratulated Mr. ident of the Jordan Press Association Srour on his election as the speaker of the (JPA) Suleiman Qudah (third left) and Honse, and voiced the JPA interest in association board members the role of the advancing cooperation with Parliament. press in advancing the causes of the nation The JPA chief reviewed several press and press-related issues. Mr. Srour stres- concerns including the Press and Publica-

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# Relations sour as Taiwan shells China by mistake

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan said Tuesday it had accidentally shelled its rival China, drawing harsh condemnation from Beijing and driving relations

to a new low. China's official Xinhua News Agency said that Taiwanese troops stationed on Lesser Quemoy, an island less than two kilometres off the mainland, fired at least a dozen shells into a suburb of

Xiamen City. . Without confirming the number of shells fired. Taiwan's Defence Ministry acknowledged that a bombardment had taken place and expressed deep regret for its "unfortunate" mistake.

"We express deep regret" over this mistaken incident. which had no inimical intent," said a statement from the Quemoy Defence Com-mand, a unit subordinate to the ministry.

The anti-aircraft shells were supposed to explode in launch an immediate invesand crashed onto the main- facts and severely punish

Four people, two of whom were seriously injured, were receiving emergency medical treatment, Xinhua quoted Niamen municipal officials as

As Taiwan expressed its sorrow Beijing issued a strong condemnation of the island, still ruled by the Nationalists who fled there after losing the civil war against the Communists in

"We express grave concern over the incident," Xinhua quoted a spokesman for the Taiwan Affairs Office under the State Council (cabinet) as

saying.
The bombardment was an evil act and "a vicious inci-dent that sabotaged the peaceful atmosphere across the Taiwan Straits," spokesman added.

He demanded Taipei mid-air but failed to do so tigation, make public the those responsible. Both China and Taiwan But an official at the Mainland Affairs Council, which formulates Taiwan's China policy, played down the like-ly effect of the bombardclaim sovereignty over all China and Beijing has not renounced the use of force to recover the island.

"This is an isolated incident and it will not affect relations across the straits," said Director of Information William Li.

Taiwan's Defence Minister Sun Chen said a thorough investigation had been launched. The Defence Ministry statement said compensation would be paid to the victims but did not say how much.

The last serious bombardment of China by Taiwan was during a cross-straits battle in 1958. There have been no reports of exchanges of fire since the 1970s.

In recent years, Nationalist troops have opened fire on illegal immigrants from China trying to slip past garrisons on Nationalist-held islands as they tried to reach Taiwan aboard fishing boats, causing some casualties.

# U.S. Republicans pledge 7-day workweeks to get contract done

WASHINGTON (AP) - With their leader pledging a very profound change in government" Republicans said Monday they would hold the house in session seven days a week if necessary next year to vote on a 100-day agenda ranging from tax cuts to welfare reform.

"This is time to be open to dramatic, bold changes. speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich told a crowded news conference at which he was flanked by Rep. Richard Armey of Texas, introduced as the next majority leader, and the leaders of a Republican transition

Mr. Gingrich later walked to the other side of the Capitol to meet Senate Republican leader Bob Dole. On an unseasonably warm day, the two men sat on an outside terrace discussing their plans for the 104th congress. "It's a great opportunity," Sen. Dole said later of the Republican majorities in both houses.

He said he expected close cooperation between the houses. 'If he has a bill and we have a bill, hopefully they will be the same," Sen. Dole said. "We need to coordinate whenever we can. That doesn't mean we are never going to disagree."

Earlier, Mr. Armey said Republicans would be hardpressed to gain the two-thirds majority needed for a constitutional amendment setting term limits for lawmakers and to balance the budget. But he predicted most of the "contract with America" would pass.

House officials stressed that almost nothing would be immune from review as they take control after a 40-year Democratic majority. There was no clearer signal

of the House's new order than the news conference at which Mr. Gingrich, Mr. Armey and others spoke. It was carried live on CNN and attended by an overflow crowd of reporters. Mr. Gingrich and Mr.

Armey said the "contract with America" signed by more than 300 House candidates would be pushed to a vote within 100 days, as promised. The proposals include welfare reform; a crime bill; a series of tax cuts, inal gains and relief for families and certain senior citizens: a

House Speaker-in-waiting Newt Gingrich, R-GA (left) is followed by reporters after a press conference on Capitol Hill. Mr. Gingrich said his Republican leadership will act quickly on American's request to take the lead in Washingbalanced budget amendment, southerners would hold the term limits and other meatwo top positions in the new Republican leadership "We will complete the contract within 100 days," Mr. lineup. Elected last week to a sixth term from the suburban Armey said. "If that means Dallas area, the 54-year-old

working seven days (a week). we'll work seven days. If that means working 20 hours a day, we'll work 20 hours a The new Republican

majority, Mr. Gingrich said, was "determined to get a very profound change in government for the American people." In a slap at the Clinton administration, he said Republicans would attempt to "truly lead."

He said Democrats would have a greater opportunity to participate than Republicans have had in the past, and Mr. Armey shrugged off a question of whether the Republicans would be out for revenge, saying, "it's not an honourable thing to do."

Republicans have pledged to bring bills to the floor under rules that permit virtually unlimited amendments. Democrats frequently resorted to a procedure that Mr. Armey's ascension to

Armey won a leadership position two years ago by appealing to a large crop of freshmen and pledging to use confrontation where necessary as a legislative tactic. He was intimately involved in conceiving and drafting the contract with America. Republicans expected to push through a rules chnage

on the opening day of the session. Jan. 4, reducing the size of committee staffs by one-third. Unlike the customary practice of then tak-ing a three-week break to await the president's budget, aides said, the House would remain in session so committees could begin work on the rest of the legislation, sending it to the floor for an early

Meanwhile, their leadership decapitated by the voters and through retirement, Democrats in Congress are their tattered forces next

# going to movies, prefer karaoke BEIJING (R) - Fewer

Chinese stop

Chinese are going to the cine-ma, finding more entertainment in karaoke parlours and at video halls, the official media said. "As an actor I feel that this is a terrible pity," China's top actress, Gong Li, star of such internationally acclaimed hits as Farewell My Concubine and To Live, said in an interview carried by the Hubei Daily News. Cinema ticket sales in China have plunged from 29.3 billion in 1979 to just 9.5 billion last year and sales are now falling at the rate of one billion a year, the Xinhua News Agency said. Audiences were seeking entertainment in new karaoke lounges or watching videos in special halls, Gong Li was quoted as saying. Most popular videos are violent action films or illegal pornographic movies that can be watched in comfortable semi-private rooms holding between 20 and 50 people, one local film critic said. "People don't want to go to the movies and sit on uncomfortable wooden seats in a smelly cinema," she said. Last year was among the worst for the Chinese film industry, with the number of films plummeting by 50 per 🍖 cent and cinema incomes dropping 35 per cent, Xinhua said. The income from film releases was down by 40 per cent, it said, adding that there was little prospect for improvement. China needs to produce more high quality films and consider the tastes of audiences and the demands of the market if it is to revitalise the industry, Xinhua quoted film critic Li Shaobai as saying.

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## **New York cops** put brakes on most-wanted driver

NEW YORK (AP) - The traffic violation - an illegal U-turn — was routine stuff, but when police pulled over Leroy Linen, they soon discovered he was no ordinary motorist. It took nearly two hours to print out his list of traffic violations, which had resulted in 633 license suspensions in the last five years. He was the city's mostwanted driver. New York City's No. 1 scofflaw was licensed operation of a vehicle and driving without a license. The 40-year-old scrap-metal dealer was jailed without bail. After a series of fatal accidents involving unlicensed drivers, state lawmakers last year made it a felony to drive with 10 or more suspensions. In one accident last May, Abraham Meyers, 55, a drunken driver with 22 license suspensions, killed a mother and her two daughters as the family tried to cross the street after a party in Queens, authorities say. Since then, the police department has kept a list of drivers with 100 or more suspensions, about 340 names, topped by Linen's. Officers also are under orders to make more computer checks on drivers stopped for traffic

## **Ticket sales** boom as lottery fever hits U.K.

LONDON (R) - Gambling fever gripped Britain as Britons hoping to become instant millionaires snapped up £7 million (\$11.14 million worth of tickets in the first 12 hours of the country's new lottery. "Since the National Lottery went live the response from public and retailers alike has been outstanding," David Rigg of the organisers Camelot said. Mr. Rigg told a news conference that by mid-afternoon total sales had reached £5 million (\$8 million). In an update later he said sales at seven p.m. (1900 GMT) had topped £7 million — about £6.2 million (\$9.9 million) for this Saturday's draw and the rest in advance purchases by players wanting to use the same numbers in future draws. Britain joined the rest of Europe with its own national lottery when Prime Minister John Major purchased the first ticket for the £2 million (\$3.2 million) weekly prize.

## Hot dogs mean heavy fines in Zimbabwe

HARARE (R) — Dog owners in Zimbabwe's Bulawayo city risk a heavy fine if they allow their bitches to roam free and attract amorous males. The city council intro-duced fines of \$ 19 for flouting a new rule aimed at improving order and health stan-

# Nepal holds snap general polls

KATHMANDU (R) — Nepal voted Tuesday in its second general election since protests ended absolute monarchy in 1990, amid anxieties that no clear majority would emerge to guide the picturesque Himalayan kingdom out of poverty.

About 100,000 members of the security forces fanned out across the nation and the 35,000-man army was put on

There were no reports of violence as men and women formed separate queues in sunny Kathmandu, waiting quietly to stamp ballots marked only with symbols that included a tree, the sun,

a plough, a drum and a hammer and sickle.

More than 1,250 election observers, including 130 foreigners from 28 countries, were posted in 205 constituencies spread from southern plains to the world's highest peaks, including the tallest, Mount Everest.

The border with India was sealed off to prevent any foreign tampering with the polls, the Election Commission said.

Nepal, squeezed between the world's two most populous nations India and China, is one of the world's 10 poorest countries with an average annual income of

\$180 a head. Eighty per cent of its development spending comes from foreign aid.

Political tensions eased in

the late 1980s and commer-

cial contacts have boomed.

But the Taiwan Straits still

bristle with weapons and

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out defending itself against

any Communist attack. Its

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Analysts in Taiwan were

This shows that hostilities

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said professor and military expert Chi Mao-Chi at the

National Central University.

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The most worrying factor

Taiwan remains serious ab-

dangerously high.

weapons spending.

China's condemnation.

The polls were not ex-pected to knock Nepal off the neutral foreign policy course it has long pursued.

In 1991 the centrist Nepali Congress Party won the nation's first free election in 31 years after King Birendra was forced by pro-democracy protests to relinquish almost all his power.
But factional in-fighting

and allegations of corruption plagued the party, forcing Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala to call snap parliamentary polls 18 months ahead of schedule.

# Quake, tidal wave kill 45 in Philippines

CALAPAN, Philippines (R)

— An earthquake followed by huge waves ravaged the central Philippines island of Mindoro Tuesday, killing at Jeast 45 people and demolishing hundreds of houses, efficials said.

More than 130 people were wnen the struck before dawn, triggering panic, plunging the island into darkness and splitting open the base of a mountain in the tourist resort of Puerto

"The earthquake was accompanied by a roar. Then the waves came, as high as 10 to 15 metres, the furniture in my house was dancing and then fell over," Oriental Mindoro provincial Governor Rod Valencia said by tele-

"People ran out to the streets and many of them were crying. Mr. Valencia said 44 peo-

ple died in Oriental Mindoro. 39 of them in the provincial capital of Calapan and in the nearby town of Baco, which were nearest the quake's epicentre. Calapan has a population of 100,000.

One person died in San Jose in Occidental Mindoro. the other half of the twoprovince island, 140 colometres south of the Philippines capital, Manila. The island has a population of one attending an 18-nation sum-

million.

Government seismologists measured the quake at 6.7 on the Richter Scale but the U.S. Earthquake Centre in Golden, Colorado measured

"The quake lasted so long I thought it would not end," aiadan resident Asturias said.

"When it subsided, people ran to the streets and then we heard an even bigger roar. It was the waves and people panicked. They just ran for their lives.

The quake and the waves. which struck shortly after 3 a.m. (1900 GMT Monday), destroyed about 500 houses. knocked out power over wide areas of the island, wrecked the water supply system, damaged 18 bridges and crushed several moored

fishing boats. Seismologists said the tre-mor was felt for about 15 seconds but instruments continued to record its rumblings for more than 10 minutes before it subsided.

In Manila, many people rushed from their homes after being awakened by the

Five hours after the quake struck, seismologists have recorded more than 600 after-

President Fidel Ramos,

mit meeting of the Asia Pacific Cooperation Forum in Indonesia, 'ordered Mindoro placed under a state of calamity, enabling the government

to release emergency funds. Much of the destruction and death was inflicted by the waves, which carried off occupants, Mr. Valencia

He said only about 20 per cent of the casualties were due to the quake. These were people hit by falling objects or crushed when their houses collapsed.

Food vendor Herminia Bocanegro, 61, was sleeping in her sidewalk stall in the port of Batangas on the main island of Luzon when she felt the street "swaying like a baby's cradle."

"When I looked out, the sea had disappeared. Then the wind rose and the waves came," she said.

The waves hurled away six fishing boats anchored at the pier, splitting one of them in two, and tossed overboard dozens of cattle they were carrying.

Twenty-one dead cows bobbed in the sea for hours until residents nulled them in to be taken to the slaughterhouse and sold in the public

Batangas is about 40 kilometres north of Calapan.

# Japan, U.S. hold longest military exercise

NORTHERN HOKKAIDO Japan (R) — Japanese and U.S. troops Tuesday started the second week of mock ground, sea and air battles around snowblown northern Japan in their longest-ever

joint military exercise. Exercise Keen Edge brought together about 26,000 troops from all branches of two militaries that 50 years ago were waging all-out war against each other in the

The mission was to practice defending Japan together against a "generic threat." striving for synergy between the two forces in an age of tight defence budgets.
"When you add one Amer-

ican unit and one Japanese unit, you get three," said U.S. Air Force Lieutenant director of the field exercise Keen Edge began on Nov.

with wargames to train commanders in complex manoeuvres involving U.S. and Japanese fighter, tanker and transport planes. From last Saturday to this Friday, the skies over north-

ern and central Japan will be filled with planes from U.S. bases as far away as South Carolina and their Japanese Self-Defence Force counterparts from Hokkaido. Directing the air traffic requires the precision of "tak-

ng off out of Washington D.C. and making a red light traffic signal in St. Louis at a set time," said Col. Mize. Typical operations had mixed Japanese and U.S. teams of four to eight planes take off from Misawa Air

Base, about 450 kilometres north of Tokyo. While patrolling Japan's airspace, the team would be attacked by another joint squadron of "bad guys," with the point and means of attack known only by commanders

on the ground Lessons drawn from the clash were then analysed by both sides to make sure that "if we have to do it for real. we will be able to do it," said

# MSF leaves terror Rwanda camps

NAIROBI (R) — A world-renowned medical aid agency evacuated its last staff from the Zairean town of Bukavu Tuesday to escape a reign of terror in Rwandan refugee camps.

Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF-Doctors Without Borders) spokeswoman Samantha Bolton said the last three French staff were leaving Bukavu Tuesday. Sixteen left the town Monday.

The last three included chief of mission Silvie Gries. The aid workers were heading first to the Rwandan capital of Kigali before flying to Nairobi, Kenya, for de-

MSF halted operations in camps for an estimated 250,000 refugees around Bukavu Monday, saying kil-lers linked to the ousted Rwandan government held sway and insecurity was in-

MSF threatened to withdraw all its workers from Zaire unless the international

has deteriorated to such an

extent that it is now ethically impossible for Medicins Sans Frontieres to continue aiding and abetting the perpetrators

majority leader would mean

of the Rwandan genocide.
"Members of the former Rwandan authorities, military and militias exert total control over tens of thousands of civilians in the camps in Bukavu," MSF said in a statement Monday.

The head of MSF-France, Xavier Emmanuelli, said earlier in an interview in Tokyo with the Asahi Shimbun newspaper that the situation in the Rwanda-Zaire refugee camp area was becoming more confused and desperate

every day.
"The leaders of the refugees are those who carried out massacres and they are trying to recapture power, "Medical services under

these circumstances are no longer useful," he added. MSF said its workers had witnessed the installation of a camp policing system barring.

tions of people who wanted

to return to Rwanda, who were suspected to be opposed to the regime in the camps or who were members of Rwanda's Tutsi minority, the state-

ment added. More than a million Rwandans, mostly members of the Hutu majority, fled to Zaire in July after a three-month civil war.

Many feared revenge for the massacre of up to a million people, mostly Tutsis, by Hutu soldiers and death squads. The killers and members of the Hutu-led government fled to Zaire after Tutsi-dominated rebels won the civil war in Rwanda.

MSF said it would stop all

operations in the camps unless Hutu leaders, former soldiers and militiamen were separated from the main body of refugees and said its staff had received death threats.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali said last week he would ask the Security Council to consider sending police or a rapid deployment force to tighten security in

The move followed a threat by 16 aid agencies to pull out,

## free movement of refugees community sent a force to Mark Rutter, a U.S. Air secure the camps where it and the establishment of tri-Force pilot based in Alaska. said staff had observed militbunals and prisons. The United States mainary training by Rwandans. "In Bukavu the situation tains about 44,000 troops at They also saw intimida-94 installations throughout tion, arrests and assassina-

PARIS (R) — France and Britain, the two main former colonial powers in Africa, are discussing a joint initiative to help African nations form their own peacekeeping force, officials from both countries said.

The project, which French and British leaders will discuss at their annual summit Friday in the French town of Chartres, would involve training, equipping and possibly providing logistical sup-port for an all-African military force.

The need for an African force was highlighted by the slow international response to ethnic massacres in Rwanda this year, as well as the long-running civil wars in Liberia and Somalia.

It took the United Nations more than two months to put together a peacekeeping force for Rwanda, and then

only after France had taken unilateral action to create a safe haven for refugees in the landlocked central African

The Organisation of Afri-

can Unity (OAU) agreed in

France, Britain discuss Africa peacekeeping force

principle to create such a force but progress has been France, increasingly reluctant to act as Africa's gendarme, made the issue top of the agenda at an annual sum-

mit with its African allies in

Biarritz last week. "What happened in Rwanda has taught us that something must be done. The question is whether we will do it under the United Nations or the OAU," Gabonese President Omar Bongo said after the Franco-

African summit. While most African states backed the idea, they looked to Paris and its European allies for cash and military

support.
"There is plenty of interest in principle. The problem will be who pays," a French official said. He said the Western European Union, the European Union's designated defence

arm, could provide transport and logistical support if requested by African states. Belgium, another WEU member which has intervened several times to evacuate its nationals and restore order in its former African colonies, has complained that its military is overstretched and is likely to back an African force.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said in a speech last month that France and Britain could help enhance Africa's capacity and readiness in conflict prevention and peackeeping."

A British official said Paris and London had compatible ideas and would present proposals to other European governments on how to train, equip and assist an African

Diplomats said many practical problems would have to be solved, including organising cooperation among African armies that speak different languages, avoiding arms supplied for peacekeeping being used for domestic repression and stocking equipment safely out of the hands of coup plotters and

France has the biggest military contingent of any foreign country in Africa with, 9,000 troops based in six countries giving it a capability to project power and intervene rapidly with small, highly-trained units.



# Mandela meets Miss World contestants

PRETORIA (AFP) — South African President Nelson Mandela met 87 beauty queens gathered in South Africa for the Miss World contest to be held Saturday in Sun City in the northeast of the country. Dozens of cameras were present at Union Buildings in Pretoria, where the presidency is housed, to capture a smiling Mandela, wearing a bottle-green silk

shirt, shaking the hand of each contestant. He went a little further with the local representative in the contest Miss South Africa, Baset- Mandela will be at the contest, which is being

shake his hand," said Shonobu Sushida, Miss Japan. But she could not talk to him as she speaks only Japanese. "It is a privilege, it is a great day for me," said Radiah Latidine, Miss France, who comes from French Guiana. Lara Badawi, Miss Lebauon, declared herself to be "very happy." "It is the first time I have shaken a president's hand," she said, adding that she had never had the chance to shake that of her own President Elias Hrawi.. Mr. Same Julia Makelemele, clasping her in his held in Sun City for the third year running arms. "I knew him from television and the (AFP photo)

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BONN (R) - Helmut Kohl was re-elected German chancellor by the lower house of parliament Tuesday with a majority of just one vote.

Parliament Speaker Rita Suessmuth said Mr. Kohl won the votes of 338 deputies in the 672-seat Chamber—three fewer than his centre-right coalition's total after general elections last month. partiament Tuesday with a many failtness at the failtness of the f biling a tree see corded in the sector which meant one deputy which included to vote.

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The coantion's national majority had prompted parmeters with the limited majority leaders to marshal majority leaders to marshal majority leaders in a government deputies in a roll-call before the voting to cent and cines make sure nobody was abdropping to the sent.

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recoduce the control of a parliament chauffeur, a parliament chauffeur, a parly official said.

Mr. Kohl's CDU had pledged to support the chanter of the cha Ninhing and the Christian Social Union (CSU), and the small liberal New York com Free Democrats (FDP).

It was the first round of balloting and could have been followed by another attempt within two weeks if Mr. Kohl had failed to win at the rate in NIW York At least 337 votes.

"Madam Speaker, I accept Chaffic to it muggi the vote," Mr. Kohl said to a standing ovation from deputies of his coalition, which was narrowly returned for a fourth term in last month's general elections.

Me Kohl had tears in his eyes as he emerged from the

: 23 Meanwhile, Turkey's ambassador to Germany said Tuesday a plan by Chancellor Kohl's coalition to introduce limited German citizenship a positive step forward.

1 1 2 But envoy Onur Oymen voiced regret that the government had not agreed to dual amountry for the country's 6.9 million long-term foreign residents and especially its 1.8 million Turks who form the single largest foreign

This is a positive step in men told German Radio. "But Turks in Germany still desire complete equality with their German fellow citizens. " Dust nationality would be the best solution for that."

Turkish immigrant groups - 2 lave voiced bitter disappointment at the plan which would grant a restricted form in attrenship for children of immigrants residents here for more than 10 years, provided at least one parent was born in Germany.

boom 35 lotten Yesterday the main opposition Social Democrats (SPD) called it a "small but fever hits U.K. intotally inadequate step in the

right direction." Branded a "sniff at German citizenship," it would give children full rights until full citizens if they renounce their other nationality.



Haitians are gathered on the side of a flooded road in a southern suburb of Port-Au-Prince as U.S. military engineers survey the damage

caused by the passage of tropical storm Gordon across Haiti and its capital (AFP photo)

# Tropical storm Gordon hits southern Florida after killing 78 in Caribbean

KEY LARGO. Florida (Agencies) — Tropical storm Gordon barrelled through south Florida early Tuesday causing power outages, flooding and a freighter to be abandoned, but no deaths, unlike in Haiti and Jamaica where it killed 78 people.

With winds gusting up to 100 kilometres per hour, the tropical storm was moving slowly through the Florida Straits separating the Florida Keys and Cuba, heading westward for the Gulf of Mexico where weather forecasters said it could pick up strength.

Gordon, the seventh tropical storm of the 1994 Atlantic hurricane season, left more than 200,000 homes and businesses without electricity, closed schools for 9,200 children in the Florida Keys and kicked up 6.5metre swells that swamped a 55-metre (180-foot), Belizeregistered freighter 38

kilometres off Key Largo. Coast Guard cutters and navy helicopters rescued nine sailors and a dog from the sinking ship, authorities said.

Weather officials forecast as much as 20 centimetres of rain in parts of Florida, causing a 29-kilometre stretch of highway between Homestead and Key Largo to be closed part of the day.

The storm also forced some flights in Miami and Key West to be cancelled. On Monday, the upper edge of the storm forced the space shuttle Atlantis to divert a scheduled landing at Cape Canaveral, Florida, to

California. In Haiti, most of the deaths occurred in rural areas from mudslides and heavy rain of up to 14 inches (35 cm), and the toll was expected to go

higher, according to officials. The storm, which developed just two weeks before the end of the Atlantic hurricane season, ranks as the deadliest yet this year. In Port-Au-Prince, Haiti,

independent Radio Metropole reported that at least 75 deaths had occurred from the storm's weekend path across the Caribbean nation.

Haitian radio and witness reports said torrential rains spawned by the storm over the weekend were responsible for the heavy death toll. Roads were washed out by heavy rains of up to 14 inches (35 cm), and scores of shanty

homes were destroyed. U.S. troops in helicopters the Haitian countryside to identify hard-hit areas needing help, and cautioned that the number of deaths could continue to rise as information was gathered from rural areas.

Jamaican officials said two men died Saturday as a result of flooding associated with the storm, including one man who was swept away as he tried to repair his broken car. In southern Cuba, one man

was electrocuted Sunday, and nearly 300 homes damaged by strong winds and rain, according to the Cuban News Agency (AIN). No injuries or major damage was re-ported at the U.S. naval base next month. at Guantanamo Bay, where a wind gust clocked at more than 100 mph (160 kph) caused minor damage at a tent camp housing 29,000 Haitian and Cuban refugees. each other.

# Mandela: Angolan leader ready for truce

PRETORIA (Agencies) ---South African President Nelson Mandela said Tuesday the Angolan government was ready to declare a ceasefire in the nearly 20-year long Angolan civil war.

We were infor Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos that he is ready to declare a ceasefire," Mr. Mandela said after returning to South Africa from a hastily-convened mini-summit on Angola in the Zambian capital, Lusaka.

Mr. Mandela said he and Zambian President FRedereick Chiluba spoke to Mr. Dos Santos in Luanda bay telephone Tuesday and were told the Angolan leader wanted to facilitate Sunday's rescheduled signing of a peace accord to halt the civil

Asked when Mr. Dos Santos was going to call an end to fighting. Mr. Mandela re-plied: "We did not press him. guess this is a bilateal affair (between the Luanda government and UNITA).

Mr. Mandela said he was confident that both UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi and Mr. Dos Santos would be in Lusaka for the signing ceremony. None of the African lead-

ers in Lusaka had managed to contact Mr. Savimbi. Mr. Mandela said he was sure UNITA's military negotiators had been able to do

The pact should have been

signed Tuesday but UNITA said it could not discuss peace while the Angolan army was trying to wipe it out on the

Diplomats had earlier said they were pessimistic the Sunday so deep is the distrust between UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) and Angolan government negotiators.

A ceasefire should have come into force Thursday. Angola's civil war foes will cal loff hostilities within hours, U.N. mediator Alioune Blondin Beye Tuesday said after talks with four African heads of state who

met the warring parties. Mr. Beve said that the Angolan government military delegation and their UNITA rivals had expressed "firm and profound willingness" to stop fighting and that "in matter of hours, we will give you the good news and hour for the truce."

"Both sides have chosen a peaceful settlement to the conflict. They know that their situation cannot be solved by war and that no one can win," the U.N. special envoy to Angola told a press conference.

"This is why right now the military delegations from both sides are discussing as priority the cessatison of hostilities" in talks in the Zambian capital, he said, stating that the conflict was claiming 1,000 lives each day. Fighting meanwhile raged

on in the northern Angolan province of Uije, where the rebels control the provincial signing could even take place capital, following the fall of their stronghold in the central highlands city of Huambo.

Mr. Beye was speaking after three African leaders joined Zambia's President Chiluba to implore the Angolan government and UNITA to end the war.

Mr. Chiluba, Mr. Mandela,a Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe and Menes Zenawi of Ethiopia took turns in an informal closed-door meeting to castigate the rivals for the near collapse of the peace process, participants said.

The three visiting presidents left Zambia after telling the two sides that if they failed of reach a peace settlement, international attention would shift from Angola, leaving the country to its carnage, sources said.

The conditions for stopping the (government) offensive are ripe now," Mr. Beye said. "The Lusaka peace agreement will not go wrong.

Earlier Tuesday, the head of the Angolan military delegation, General Pedro Neto, said the talks will be difficult and "could take a long time.'

# Muslims put up stiff fight for Bihac

Muslim-led Bosnian government army is putting up a stiff fight against Serb forces advancing on the Bihac en-

clave in the northwest, the United Nations said Tuesday. Reports that Serb forces had driven the government's Fifth Corps back and taken full control of the strategic Grabez Plateau, which overlooks Bihac, had proved to be untrue, a U.N. military stokesman seid. spokesman said.

We reported yesterday that we thought the Bosnian Serb army were in possession of the Grabez Plateau. That is not in fact the case, there is heavy fighting going on for that feature," said spokesman Colonel Tim Spicer.

Artillery, mortar and tank fire were reported all day Monday. "The Fifth Corps is believed to be putting up strong resistance in the rea," Col. Spicer said.
The fifth Corps took the

Bosnian Serb Army by surprise two weeks ago when it launched an attack that captured 250 square kilometres of territory. The Serbs have since recovered much of the

lost ground. Col. Spicer added: "The BIH (Bosnian government army) is not running away although the BSA (Bosnian Serb Army) advance has been rapid. The BIH withdrawal is not a rout.

"There are indications there is intense fighting going on, which would not indicate a collapsed front."

The United Nations said Serbs from the breakaway Krajma region of neighbouring Croatia were shelling the Muslims in support of their fellow Serbs in Bosnia, but there was no indication that Krajina ground troops had entered Bosnia.

However, the United Nations said Bosnian Serb troops had been allowed to move through Serb-held areas of Croatia and this was matter of concern.

The United Nations said there was a looming humanitarian crisis for thousands of civilians in the Bihac pocket because the Serbs were continuing to refuse access to aid convoys.

"Overall, the situation, while not critical, is very difficult and could become critical by the end of the month, perhaps mid-December, if the pocket remains closed to convoys," said Kris Janows-, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Re-

fugees.
The blockade is also threatening U.N. military operations in Bihac, a so-called

U.N. safe area. Asked how Bangladeshi U.N. troops in Bihac could protect the enclave and themselves when they had only one rifle among four soldiers, Col. Spicer said: "Their equipment scaling is not perfect, we admit, but they are

continuing operations as

effectively as possible."
The Bihac fighting, and the involvement of the Krajina Serbs, cast a shadow over peace talks between the Croatian government and Krajina representatives, which resumed in Zagreb Tuesday.

Col. Spicer said the Bosnian government army had launched new offensives in northern Bosnia, and appeared at one point to be trying to take high ground commanding the Posavina Corridor, a supply route linking Serb-held territory in east

and west Bosnia.
In Sarajevo, terrified commuters scrambled for cover as a volley of bullets ripped through an overcrowded. tram and brought the Tuesday morning rush hour to a

Sniper fire forced pedestrians to fling themselves to the ground and cyclists to pedal furiously along sections of road exposed to the Serb

side of the front line. All further tram traffic halted and passers-by clung to the protection of walls and dodged through the early morning mist towards their

workplaces in the city centre. In Brussels, NATO formally agreed to maintain an arms embargo on Bosnia following Washington's with-drawal from the operation, NATO diplomats said. NATO ambassadors

from the alliance's military committee saying the abrupt U.S. move, which dismayed European allies, would have little real effect and stressed the need to maintain alliance

Russia, France and Britain, which have criticised the U.S. withdrawal, will meet in Paris Friday to discuss efforts to

end the Bosnian war. Bosnian Serb military leader Ratko Mladic has written to U.N. officials accusing Muslim troops of having a weapons factory in Gorazde and threatening to no longer recognise the enclave as a safe area, the Tanjug News

Agency said Tuesday. Tanjug said General Mladic sen the letter Monday to the U.N. special envoy to ex-Yugoslavia Yasushi Akashi and the commander of U.N. troops in Bosnia, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose.

The agency said Gen. Mladic told both officials that the mainly Muslim Bosnian troops had a weapon factory in the eastern enclave of Gorazde, in violation of the

town's status as a safe area. He added that U.N. troops were assisting the govern-ment soldiers by providing the enclave with generators and water, "which, among other things, are used by the weapons factory."

# Georgian, Abkhazian officials meet in Geneva

GENEVA (AFP) — Georgian and Abkhazian leaders met in Geneva Tuesday to try and resolve a quarrel over the repatriation of refugees and constitutional issues and pave the way for a summit here

The two- to three-day meeting was opened by U.N. mediator Edouard Brunner who said he hoped progress would be made on some of the thorny issues that have pitted the two sides against

"We hope that in the course of the week we will achieve some results and make significant moves in the right direction;" he said. "We know it is difficult. We

who fled fighting in the breakaway republic of Abkhazia have returned to their homes in recent months

are not encouraged by what is

happening with the re-

despite numerous accords ensuring their repatriation. Georgia has accused Abkhazian officials of standing in the way of the refugee return out of fear that it would render Abkhazians a

minority in the region. Boris Pastukhov, the Russian representative at Tuesday's talks, said "the key to solving the refugee question and the economic recovery lies in a political settlement. Well informed sources said

Only a handful of the negotiators hope to come up with a constitutional plan that 250,000 Georgian refugees would give Abkhazians a great deal of autonomy while preserving Georgia's sovereignty over the secessionist republic. But the sources said Geor-

gian leader Eduard Shevardnadze fears that such a plan would encourage other separatists like those in Southern

Francesco Bascone, representing the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, appealed to Georgian and Abkhazian leaders

Tuesday to "leave the phase of political posturing" in order to make possible the summit meeting proposed by U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali earlier this

month in Thilisi. Mr. Brunner said that the summit would take place on Dec. 2 only if progress is made during the talks this

The breakaway Republic of Abkhazia fell to the separ-Lusts in September 1993 following 13 months of fighting. Last June Russia sent 3 000

troops to monitor the Abkhaz-Georgian border and ensure the safe return of

# Delors launches campaign without saying so

Jacques Delors has virtually launched his presidential campaign, but must set up an uneasy coalition of left and centre to be able to rule.

Still officially cagey, Mr. Delors last week published a virtual presidental manifesto - the book "L'Unite d'Un Homme" (The Unity of a Man) - and spent all day

Monday promoting it.
The difficulty of putting together a coalition that would back him if he were elected is perhaps what is holding up Mr. Delors.

Another problem is his age he is 69 — but Dominique Wolton, the sociologist who interviewed Mr. Delors for the book, said he appeared in "perfect physical and mental health.'

In three interviews Mon-

day, one on radio, one on television and one with the centre-left daily Le Monde Mr. Delors brought forward his own deadline for announcing his candidacy by a month, saying that if he had said nothing before Christmas, that meant he would

Mr. Delors, due to step down as commission presi-

up his decision to open ex-

announced earlier this year

deal with the contentious

he opted to run, he would make no formal announcement until after that date.

But he added "if after thinking about it and consulting my old friends, I decided not to stand, then I would give notice of this well before Jan. 25. It will be before Christmas."

Mr. Delors was asked if he in English: "That is the ques-

islative elections.

Although likely to be the Assembly. Even if Mr. Delors dis-

PARIS (AFP) — Outgoing dent on Jan. 26, said that if without contracting uneasy Rightwing feuding and a European Commission chief he opted to run, he would alliances with the centre and spate of corruntion scandals. even further right. Mr. Delor's social-

would rule with the right, the left or the centre and replied,

Mr. Delors, seen as the only centre-left contender capable of stoping a rightwing candidate, has said he believes the presidential poll, due next April-May, "will be won in the centre," with the support of middle-of-theroaders who voted with the right in the March, 1993 leg-

opposition Socialist Party's candidate, the party has not recovered from its 1993 debacle and has only 53 seats in a 577-member National

solved parliament, the party would be unlikely to make a sufficient recovery to give the president a working majority alliances with the centre and

democrat tendencies will be opposed by the left of the party at its congress next weekend at Lievin, northern France, the last one before the presidentials. But analysts expect the party to rally to Mr. Delors, for they have no alternative candi-

Mr. Delors is meanwhile trying to present an image of tranquillity and calm to set himself off against the feuds of the right, which have badly split the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR) between supporters of its founder, Jacques Chirac, and those of Prime Minister Edouard Bal-

Mr. Delors, a former finance minister for the Socialists, said only his sense of duty and not ambition would make him seek the French presidency.

He said he had already done a lot out of his sense of duty. "After 50 years during which I have given so much, I think that today I can only discuss the notion of my duty with the people who are close to me.

space of corruption scandals have helped Mr. Delors on his way and the rivalry between Mr. Balladur and Mr. Chirac could split the right-

wing vote to Mr. Delor's advantage. For the first time, Mr. Delors overtook Mr. Balladur in a presidential popularity poll published by the daily Parisien Libere last week. The poll credited Mr. Delors with

50 per cent against 45 per cent for Mr. Balladur. Meanwhile, an opinion poll said Tuesday, Mr. Balladur would beat Mr. Delors in the second round of the presidential elections next May.

per cent of the vote against 48 per cent for Mr. Delors, said the poll by the IFOP Institute for the weekly L'Express. But it said Mr. Delors would come top of the poll in

Mr. Balladur would win 52

the first round of the election due in April. The poil also said that Mr. Chirac would be beaten by Mr. Delors by 44 per cent to

56 per cent. There was no change on a similar IFOP poll a month ago. The latest poll was carried out before a spate of Mr. Delors interviews Monday.

pen as quickly as possible so

that the preliminary elements can be dealt with prior to the

substantive political discus-

sions involving all parties,

Ireland's government has

also been pushing London to

speed up action on Northern

Ireland. But Dublin's coali-

tion government is

threatened by internal strife.

ign Minister Dick Spring has

threatened to withdraw from

a coalition with Prime Minis-

ter Albert Reynolds's Fianna

Fail over the handling of a

child sex abuse case.

The Labour Party of Fore-

# Mozambique vote counting enters final phase

MAPUTO (R) - Weary elec-Fion officials entered the final phase of counting ballots strom Mozambique's first multi-party poils Tuesday, with all signs that President Joaquim Chissano and his \*FRELIMO party were still

Officials of the independent National Electoral Commission (CNE), and obserhas from the main parties. many working around the slock, were deliberating over thousands of spoiled ballots from the Oct, 27-29 poll. They were also laboriously double-checking tallies sent in from remote provinces of the impoverished and warracked country in order to

come up with a final figure

acceptable by all participants.
CNE officials said they Were hoping to overcome the problems and to have a final bally ready by Wednesday That's the new deadline being to meet," said

one CNE official. "We're

doing everything we can to wrap things up by then."

With some 80 per cent of ballots from the 7,411 voting stations counted Monday the last results to be made public until Wednesday's planned announcement -Mr. Chissano was well ahead of his former civil war rival, former rebel leader Afonso Dhlakama, in the presidential race.

Mr. Chissano, had garnered nearly 55 per cent, or more than 2.1 million votes, against Mr. Dhlakama's 1.3 million or 33 per cent.
FRELIMO bas ruled

Mozambique since independence from Portugal in 1975 but initial voter returns show that the party would not get an absolute majority. Wehia Ripua, a former FRELIMO liberation fighter

who leads the small PADE-MO party, had 2.3 per cent with 89,305 votes. In the race for the 250-seat

parliament, FRELIMO was ahead by 45.7 per cent, or 1.7

million votes, versus RE-NAMO's 1.4 million, or 37.3 per cent.

Few of the 10 other presidential candidates and 12 smaller parties and coalitions taking part in the poll picked up many votes. So far, only the Democratic Union (UD) coalition has broken the five per cent bar-

rier to qualify for seats in parliament. "We expect the final results to show a similar trend," said one senior CNE

official. The poll was aimed at consolidating two-year-old peace accords between RENAMO and the government which ended 16 years of one of Africa's most brutal civil war.

had been rife that Mozambique would plunge back into civil war like another former Portuguese colony, Angola, if Mr. Dhalakama lost. In Angola, UNITA rebel

chief Jonas Savimbi resumed

Fears before the elections

his bush war after crying fraud and rejecting his defeat in U.N.-supervised elections in September 1992.

Mr. Dhlakama boycotted the first day of voting in protest at alleged fraud but later rejoined the electoral process under intense international pressure and has since repeatedly denied that he would return to arms. "One thing is to believe

that the elections were not

free and fair," Mr. Dhlakama

U.N. special representa-

tive Aldo Ajello and Western

que.

known as "Loyalists" be-cause of their loyalty to Brittold reporters on Monday. "Another thing is not to accept the results." ish rule in the province. The prime minister also appealed to guerrilla groups "We will accept the results, on both sides of the 25-yeareven though we believe there old conflict in the province to was fraud." follow up the ceasefires they

by handing in their stockpiles ambassadors rejected Monof weapons. day reports in the pro-Politicians representing the Loyalists were quick to government press that RE-NAMO was mobilising for accept the invitation. another fight and massing "At last we are going to men in northern Mozambi-

## issues that lie in front of us," said David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party,

Irish sides welcome major's plans to meet extremists

LONDON (R) — Politicians on both sides of Northern Ireland's political and sectawhich has close links with the rian divide Tuesday weloutlawed Protestant groups. comed an announcement by Mr. Ervine, who was out-Prime Minister John Major spoken in urging Loyalists to match the IRA's Sept. 1 ceasthat he would meet armed Protestant extremists. efire, said he was keen to Mr. Major said Monday represent his community in night that he was following

ploratory talks with the Irish ment. "I want to see my society Republican Army's political returned to normality as soon wing, Sinn Fein, with a simias possible and the sooner we lar invitation to the IRA's get to bilateral discussions foes — Protestant guerrillas with the government, the better," he told BBC Radio. Mr. Ervine said he hoped

talks with British govern-

the armed groups could meet Mr. Major's demands to turn in their weapons, but said this would be difficult. "Nobody has ever created an inventory of the number

Northern Ireland," he said. "There are two sides and this society is awash with weapons."

He also expressed sympathy for Mr. Major. "The

of weapons that have entered

government will have the real sticky problem of dealing with both sides at the same time, and separately," he told BBC Television, adding that he looked forward to "moving towards round-table talks" that would include his

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams welcomed the inclusion of Loyalists in the dialogue but said the rest of Mr. Major's speech was "wholly inadequate.'

side's Sinn Fein enemies.

"Loyalist participation is essential but Mr. Major needs to move beyond the rhetoric and into substantive negotiations involving all of the parties and both governments," he said.

"It is the failure to do this which imperils progress." Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the mildly Irish nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), also urged Mr. Major to move more quickly.

"These talks should hap-

But British newspapers said the Northern Irish peace process was more important. Reynolds and Spring must resolve their differences," said the Times. "Unless the politicians get

a sense of proportion and priority, the outcome could be the dangerous disruption of the peace process," said the Independent.

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# Pretexts or real causes

IRAO'S LATEST bid to lift sanctions imposed on it by the U.N. Security Council failed in spite of its official recognition of Kuwait as called for by the Security Council. Security Council President, U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright's only comment in the wake of the Council's deliberations Monday to consider Baghdad's latest application to relax the sanctions was brief and to the point: "We met, reviewed the sanctions regime and decided to continue it without change."

As a matter of fact, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz did not expect an immediate ending of punitive measures against his country and said so in so many words on the eve of Monday's meeting. What Iraq expects, however, is the beginning of the process that would lead to lifting the oil embargo and other sanctions by the time the Council reviews this issue six months from now. This is essentially the scenario that Moscow is also working on as it continues its efforts to prepare the groundwork for rehabilitating Iraq into the international community. "I am counting on the U.S. to be able to contain its emotions and recognise one thing - in international affairs, people do not act in the same way forever," Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozvrev was quoted as saying in defence of his government's bid to temper Washington's adamant refusal to budge on the sanctions. Mr. Kozyrev even went to the extent of comparing Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who, in spite of his ackground as a guerrilla leader, has wor the Nobel Peace prize.

Moscow's endorsement of Iraq comes in stark contrast with the stance of the U.S. and its principal allies and puts the two major powers on a head-on collision. Russian diplomatic efforts are clearly motivated and guided by objectives that run counter to those entertained by President Bill Clinton's administration. All indications point to Washington's insistence on changing the entire ruling regime in Iraq as a precondition for changing its stance on the sanctions. The human rights record by Iraq, which is admittedly anything but satisfactory, will surely be used by the White House as yet another critical factor that precludes any change of heart on the part of the Americans. The regime's continued oppression of its political enemies does not help matters much. There has been no real movement in the direction of pluralistic democracy in Iraq and respect for basic human rights is nowhere in sight. As long as this remains the case the West will continue to use it as a pretext to keep the sanctions. Baghdad, therefore, must avoid further excuses by its enemies to ostracise it by improving its human rights record.

# **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily Tuesday drew the concerned government authorities-attention to the need for stemming the spiralling prices of basic commodities and dealing with corruption and acts of bribery in some of the public and private institutions. A kilogramme of dry onions costs half a dinar and a kilogramme of potatoes costs 750 fils, while the prices of other food stuffs continues to rise, making life more difficult for the limited income groups, said Tareq Masarweh. On the other hand, the writer drew attention to the fact that Arab investors are continually finding it difficult to invest in Jordan's businesses without having to pay sums of money to ensure that the procedures take their right course. He said this is corruption of which all citizens feel ashamed, and one that tends to hinder investments in the Kingdom's development projects.

HOSNI AYESH, a columnist in Al Ra'i, Tuesday addressed the results of the Oslo deal between Israel and the Palestinians one year on and said that Israel has been exploiting it to ensure its own selfish interests. Since the signing of the deal, he said, Israel has confiscated 67,000 dunums of Arab land in the West Bank, beefed up the existing Jewish settlements, built new roads to encircle Arab centres and consolidated its hold over the destiny of the Palestinian population. Citing the example of the Ibrahimi Mosque, where the Israelis have installed a synagogue for the Jewish worshippers at the Islamic site, the writer said that the Israelis are pursuing policies that are incompatible with the spirit of the Oslo agreement and in flagrant violation of international law. He said that the Israelis continue to exploit the peace process with the Arabs to perpetuate their occupation of the Arab lands.

# Tackling Egypt's Islamist insurgents

By Paul Witter

THE ISLAMIST insurgenwhich continues to troucy which continues to trou-ble the Egyptian govern-ment owes its origin, in part, to the divide and rule tactics of President Anwar Sadat. For Sadat unwisely used the Islamists as a counter to the powerful secular leftists during the 1970s. He supported Islamic groups financially and cultivated an image of religious piety. Sadat's ultimate rejection of the Islamists' basic objectives and the signing of the Camp David peace accord with Israel led to his assassination in October 1981, by disgruntled Islamic militants who saw violence as the only way to reform a "rotten" and "atheist" state. Militant: Islam, in the shape of the Jama'at Al Islamiya, was now to become Egypt's dominating political issue. Ever since, Egypt's vast bureaucracy and security services have laboured to put the Islamist

genie back in the lamp. Much has been written about the Islamist guerrillas and the likelihood of their overthrowing the Mubarak regime. The importance of Egypt to the West's Middle East strategy and to regional stability justify the topic's prominence. The general consensus is that the Islamists possess neither the necessary organisational structures, a charismatic leader or diverse enough public support to seriously threaten President Hosni Mubarak. But although the Mubarak regime's shortterm future seems secure, many critiques of the Egyptian crisis overlook or. underestimate the importance of crucial regional and domestic trends which are likely to dominate Egypt's

## Security clamp-down

The choices facing Egypt's political leadership are undeniably stark. The regime, however, remains firmly committed to its present political and International Monetary Fund (IMF)-inspired economic programme. Mr. Mubarak, having recently secured an extension to his presidency, believes now is not the appropriate time to concede ground to the opposition, Islamist or secular.

But this policy of rigidity is fraught with danger, as no genuine attempt has been made to solve Egypt's deeprooted problems. The reg-ime's only viable tactic seems to be to press on with its brutal security clampdown against the Islamists in and around Asiut and poorer districts of Cairo, by extending still further the emergency laws, continuing round-ups of suspects and engaging in torture. Middle East Watch has estimated that over 8,000 political prisoners are currently held

in Egypt, the vast majority suspected Islamic militants. Many Egyptians feel the security forces have become too brutal when dealing with the Islamists. This perception is only reinforced by the mass convictions and summary executions, a policy likely to create new martyrs for the Islamist cause and strengthen the view that Mr. Mubarak's regime is only protecting itself and its

many privileges.
If Mr. Mubarak is to defeat the Islamists, he must deliver on the economic front. The IMF and World Bank believe Egypt's economic prospects show definite and solid signs of improvement. They highlight a 75 per cent reduction in food and other subsidies, a reduction in the budget deficit to 2.4 per cent of gross national product (GNP), and economic growth of around 4 per cent. However, the real story of the reforms has largely been one of disaster for the majority of Egypt's popula-tion. Most of the changes have benefitted only the better off. In view of this, the gov-

ernment's continued attack on moderate Islamist organisations would seem very short-sighted. For Mr. Mubarak is forgoing an important opportunity to incorporate the constitutional Muslim Brotherhood into the political structure. If the Brotherhood was incorporated it would have two important consequences. First, to disperse the responsibility for Egypt's present difficulties, by giving political power and responsibility to a rival party, and second, it would dichotomise the Islamist movement, which has recently shown signs of agreement

regarding the merits of vio-lence over democracy. But the Brotherhood and its political and social activities are seen by the government more than ever as a threat to its existence and to Egypt's stability. In the short to medium

term, the insurgency and the economic situation will not topple the regime. But, without an accommodation of moderate Islamist opinion into the political process, stringent policies to fight endemic corruption. and real economic reform which takes into account Egypt's poor, the Islamists could in the future seriously threaten it. The continuing popularity of Islam, shown by growing attendance at prayer, the greater read-ership of Islamic literature and a heightened opposition to secularism, is already laying firm foundations for a troubled future. The need to reform economy and society

If keeping Egypt in the slow lane to reform triggers social and political unrest, Mr. Mubarak could institute a more radical economic reform programme, in the hope of securing faster, more sustainable prosperity. If this policy was sucisful many of the factors which now contribute to the Islamists' support and popularity would disappear. It would also strengthen and enhance the concepts of capitalism and secularism as necessary components for guaranteeing stability and prosper-

But the prospect of the regime taking this line is remote. It has steadfastly sought to introduce gradual economic reform, endeavouring (with little success) to minimise the impact on the poor of rising prices on basic commodities. The regime is aware that accelerating the reforms could well see a proliferation in social unrest and an increase in support for militant Islam, as unemployment and poverty spread. There have already been riots over increases in bread prices. The govern-ment could not also ensure that its key supporters in the military and bureaucracy would be insulated from these crippling effects.

ter, Atif Sidqi, has called the economic reforms "extreme". Such a policy is giving Islamic social services and businesses additional credibility in the face of a Western-prescribed

"shock therapy".

As things stand, the future for Egypt and its people can only be difficult. Islamist violence against the security forces, government officials, tourists and the christian minority will continue. The recent assassina tion of Major-General Rauf Khayrat indicates the militants' capabilities have not been curbed, indeed, it marks an increase in their sophistication. None the less, President

Mubarak is inclined not to

undertake an overhaul of government personnel. especially in the interior and defence ministries. He believe this kind of endorsement will bolster the government's stability and cohesion. With the continuation of the harsh security measures, and the steady implementation of economic reforms, the regime feels it can survive and prosper by yielding no-thing. But the IMF's economic programme has no guarantee of success, unless the endemic corruption and elitism is tackled and a new, more open business philosophy is injected into the country's commercial cul-

These changes must also be underpinned by the sustainable redistribution of wealth to Egypt's poor. For the Islamisation of Egyptian society continues, with the vilification of secular figures and institutions, the murder of author Farag Fawda, the censorship of plays and literature.

The government cannot take for granted the success of its current tactics against the insurgents. Even its elaborate control of mosques and clergy may not succeed in curbing the opposition's growing power and influence there. For Egypt to put its troubles behind it, and enjoy a modicum of stability and prosperity, the country must undergo little short of a revolution. It must gaivanise the moribund political system and end corruption and economic stagnation.



# U.N. court can root out suspects

By Sara Henley Reuter

THE HAGUE — It may take time, but the U.N. Yugoslavia war crimes tribunal can root out suspects evading trial — with a "su-per-indictment" that can hound fugitives across the

"We are very patient," Christian Chartier, spokesman for the United Nations tribunal, said. "We have no power to try suspects in their absence, but we have a way to not close their

The U.N. court's power to bring war criminals to book is ostensibly weakened by the fact that, unlike the Nuremberg Nazi war crimes trials after World War II, it starts with no suspects in custody, and it cannot try anyone in their

In both the cases the tri-

bunai has so far made pub-

lic, the main concern has been how to get the accused into court.

Its inaugural public hearing last week was tied up in the legal technicalities of bringing in one of its first cases from Germany, even though Germany is keen to hand over the suspect.

States with suspects are obliged to cooperate or face U.N. Security Council sanc-tions but even if they do not, the tribunal has an international policing

If individuals fail to appear before the court, the U.N. judges can issue an international arrest warrant through the cross-border police force Interpol.

A suspect would then become an internationally wanted person, effectively trapped in his hiding place. "In 10 years he may start to travel around and he is at risk of arrest" said Mr. Chartier. "We can then

Suspects with a "wanted" tag on their heads will also become hostage to any poli-

tical changes in their re-fuge, Mr. Chartier said.

The rule will help get around problems in bring-ing in suspects who are hid-ing under cover of warfare. or who are being sheltered by any state unrecognised by the U.N.

In effect, it means Yugoslav war criminals could be convicted years after any peace is reached in the area — in the same way Nazi Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie was tried in 1987, 42 years after the Nuremberg trials

The "super-indictment" power could prove important in the case of the first man to be charged by the court, former Bosnian Serb camp commander Dragan Nikolic, who is believed to be living in the Bosnian Serbs' self-declared capital

Tribunal officials have admitted that it will be a problem having him arrested — the Bosnian Serbs under Radovan Karadzic are under only a moral obligation to turn him in, as the territory they control is not a U.N.-recognised state.

If after time he does not appear, tribunal judges could reconfirm the charges against him and issue the Interpol warrant.

In practice, this power will only be valid for as long as the tribunal exists. It was founded by the Security Council in 1993 and will be wound up when the Security Council chooses.

But Mr. Chartier said the rule is the tribunal's answer to its inability to try people in their absence.

"It means we have no problem with trials in absentia," he said. "There is no deadline."

# U.S. report on Iran group stirs controversy

By Patrick Worsnip

WASHINGTON — The United States says the Mujahedeen Khalq are not an important Iranian opposition group, but last week's flare-up in the struggle between them and Iran's rulers suggests Tehran does not share that view.

Iranian forces fired Scud surface-to-surface missiles on Sunday at a Mujahedeen base in eastern Iraq. According to the group, it was the first time Tehran had used the weapons since the Iran-Iraq war ended in

On Tuesday, two bombs exploded in the Iranian capital, killing two people. The Iranian authorities and the Mujahedeen accused each other of responsibility.
The latest violence came

just days after the U.S. State Department, in a long-awaited report, concluded that the Mujahedeen "are not a viable alternative to the current government of Iran. On Wednesday, the offi-

cial Iranian news agency, quoting informed military sources, said Iranian jet fighters attacked bases of Iranian guerrillas inside

It said the warplanes bombed guerrilla targets inside Iraq Wednesday

morning.
For the Mujahedeen, this was no coincidence. They said the State Department report had given the green light for the Scud attack and branded the document "a whitewash of the atrocities committed by the religious, terrorist dictatorship ruling

The irony is that the United States considers the Islamic fundamentalist regime in Iran one of the most objectionable in the world, guilty of alleged backing of extremist groups, destabi-lising its neighbours and flagrantly violating human

Despite this, the State Department decided that the principle that "my enemy's enemy is my friend" does not apply to the Mujahedeen. More controversially, it refused to talk to the group at all in preparing its report.

Our mutual distaste for the behaviour of the regime in Tehran should not influence our analysis of the Mujahedeen," Wendy Sherman, assistant secretary of state for legislative affairs, said in a preface to the 41-page report.
U.S. officials cite several

reasons for their distaste for the Mujahedeen, a Muslimcum-Marxist movement which fought against the former Shah of Iran, backed Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic revolution in 1979

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ground. The officials say it is a guerrilla group that kills civilians, that it is backed by Washington's public enemy number one — Iraqi Presi-dent Saddam Hussein, that is undemocratic and that is shunned by most Iranians.

Despite claims by the group that thousands of its supporters have died in the struggle against the rulers in Tehran, one State Department official said: "It is not a very influential player in Iranian opposition poli-

Mujahedeen spokesmen. who operate out of most leading Western capitals as well as Baghdad, deny all the charges against them and say that whatever the movement's past, it is now committed to Western-style democracy in Iran.

Few independent U.S. analysts are enthusiastic about the Mujahedeen but not all agree that they are unim-

portant. "They are the only group that has managed to keep alive opposition to this regime," said Marvin Zonis of Chicago University. "The Mujahedeen are not my favourite people, but so what? I think it's absurd (not to talk to them)."

The State Department's approach has led to a standoff with Congress, which asked the administration to write the report in the first

The department defied a call by more than 100 members of Congress to talk to the Mujahedeen. Representative Robert Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat, said the report failed to meet Congress's desire for "an accurate and balanced picture.

But, one senior State Department official said: "Our view is that you can't have a dialogue with the Mujahedeen without them using

that as a propaganda tool." The Mujahedeen have been quick to accuse the State Department of trying to curry favour with Iran's rulers behind a smokescreen of invective against Tehran from U.S.

leaders. "Some people (in the State Department) still have some hopes about fishing up some moderates in the regime," said the organisation's Washington spokesman, Shahin

The State Department hotly denies any attempt to appease the Iranian government. But officials admit they believe the current leadership is likely to stay in power for the foreseeable

# **LETTERS**

Gobadi,

# A new start

To the Editor:

AS MUCH as I make it a point not to get into heated religiously influenced political arguments, I just cannot bring myself to avoid commenting on a letter by G. Patricia Dajani. (Jordan Times Nov. 5). It is not so much that I disagree with her, nor do I disagree totally with what she is rebutting, but my point is that she is taking it a little too

The Books of God direct the eye for an eye idea, at the same token let us not forget that the Bible also advises us to turn the other cheek, and all the books direct us to be

forgiving.

Many of the great battles fought through out history, were in many cases, fought by individuals who either did not know or remember what they were dying for. Often they were fighting the battles of their forefathers, fighting for outdated convictions. Not to say that those beliefs were universified. But as time passes, the needs of the new unjustified. But as time passes, the needs of the new generations, and their methods of settling differences, change with the times. Therefore, we would be doing a great injustice to our descendants, if we were to continue to

stress upon them, our predecessors' ideals and gripes. No one has ever suffered, gone hungry, died, or became a homeless refugee, from making peace with his neighbour or cousin. Chances are, that none ever will. So I call upon all parties involved, to keep their stands, and cherish them if need be. But let us not dictate to our children that they must believe what we do. Let the new generations have a new start, and let them decide whom to befriend, or whom to condemn. They have the right to translate history on their own. All we should do, is supply them with accurate recollections from both sides, then they can fill in the blanks and, using their own judgement, decide what words to use, in describing certain wrongdoing or injustices.

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His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday

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In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate Prayers and peace on the Prophet, His house and The office of the state of the

Fellow citizens.

PRAISE BE to Almighty God for His succour and guidance, and thanks be to Him for His countless blessings, having guided us to the making of peace after having led us to its path, enabling us to attain it and answering our prayers that he assist us in this world to hold our heads high, not to bow save but to the Almighty, who would make us the builders and makers of peace that future generations will enjoy... a the just, comprehensive God's total peace between God's faithful creatures, sons of Abraham (on whom be Abraham (on they may peace) so that they may glorify and worship Him for occurring in the land peace on them in the land divine of the Prophet and divine messages... a peace they will protect and through which they will enjoy, together with all of humante ity, the fruits of calm and

security We had long prayed to-Almighty God to show us the righteous path, seeking inspiration in His words: "Help ye one another in checousness and piety, but help ye not one another in sin and rancour;" (Al Maridah 2); and in His

"Nor can goodness and evil be equal. Repel (evil) with what is better: Then will He between whom and thee was hatred become as it were thy friend and intimate!" (Fussilat 34).

Now that we have, with God's belp, reached our noble objectives, we ask the Almighty to make heaven our abode with pious, faithful and good s, who "no frivolity will they hear therein, nor any miss of ill — only the saying "peace! peace!"

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us among those who always .... defead what is right, not - merely their own but the right, of all people to live in security and stability which provide them with opportu-nities to work and build together all that may bring them success and ample re-: ward I ask Almighty God - that He make me worthy of ··· the love and confidence of · · - ... all my people and to enable me to fulfill the trust which have defrayed with honour and manhood. My supplication to the Almighty ... - K: As I fear no one in this world but you, and seek --- only to attain your favour. -30 guide me along the path of righteousness, the best to protect and the best to belp

# Dear Brethren,

- Your Jordanian Arab homeland has achieved. with God's help, a longsought and cherished goal along the path of a full and comprehensive peace... mained through a clarity If vision bestowed upon us y virtue of our long exxience during the span of our life. We have given nany marryrs, who have illen in the cause of deending our nation's rights. dur country has, throughnut this century, woven the abore of an immortal mesage of patience and pride. is people have learned rom the father of the ireat Arab Revolt, Al fussein Bin Ali, who reides at Al Aqsa, great escus in sacrifice... startng with his departure, ogether with his Hashethe family, from the land f his ancestors after more han eight hundred years of scrifice for what is right as tell as for the dignity of or nation. His struggle

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continued until he was laid to rest next to Al Aqsa Mosque, the first Qibla and the third holy place, having given all to the defence of Palestine and the right of its people though his intent was not to favour Al Aqsa, on whose holy grounds the blood of his son King Abdullah Bin Al Hussein, may God rest his soul, was spilled, over Mecca and Medina... Mecca which he and his family left in refuge for the cause of God and our nation, as they recited God's words: "We see the turning of thy face (for guidance) to the heavens: Now shall we turn these to a qiblah that shall please thee. Turn then thy face in

the direction of the sacred mosque: wherever ye are, turn your faces in that direction." (Al Bagarah Many times have the sons of this Jordanian Arab land stood and fought at the walls of Jerusalem at a time when the Arab Nation was unable to extend any but the least consequential assistance. Then came a time when they found themselves once again going through the same experience. They had to be patient and steadfast, to face the challenge alone. It was my lot, as their leader, to defend this land against conspiracy, treachery and weakness. We sought to light up the darkness through the steadfastness of our free and united Jordanian people, seeking succour, after Almighty, God, in the spirit of defiance and ingrained in the chests of our people. We bit hard against the anguish and anger of our souls as we found ourselves surrounded by manifestations of ingratitude. We tended our wounds in silence. We almost got to the point of calling out to our nation, to which we for so long had preached freedom and unity, to come out and claim their debt, if they had any. or to demonstrate in what way they had given more than we. As God is our witness, we never did anything for the purpose of any gain, nor did we seek re-

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were never touched by fear nor did we shirk our responsibilities even when confusion reigned over the most knowledgeable among us as to the distinction between oil and blood. between revolution and rebellion, between faith and denial of faith. We persisted in calling for liberty, iustice and democracy and the unity of the nation in order to help our people come out of their cultural isolation and the state of chaos engulfing both politics and the media, to a world capable of weaving a civilisation that would transcend the wounds of the past, understand the present, anticipate the future and enable peoples to participate fully and exercise their free will. We did this with the full knowledge that the world around us has changed and that our nation still had a long way to go in proving the kind of

> body must respect. It is worth mentioning here that our thanks go to all who expressed their opinions frankly and clearly, to those who stood with their country and with future generations. This comes at a time when people had got used to choosing the shorter and easier path in facing the manifestations

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## Dear Brethren,

phase with the same sincerity we had brought to delineating the character of the precious phase. We have struggled to keep Jordan a home to those who have sought refuge and to those who have risen to their defence. We have kept Jordan free and unified in spirit and purpose. In all phases of this country's life, we have preferred to place the good of the Arab Nation above Jordan's self-interest. We have been at the receiving end of the negative attitudes of others, and of their lack of clarity, their waste of opportunities, their reliance on unbridled emotion, their superficial approach to the future and to our nation's destiny, and the insistence of many to forget that we are the school and proponents of the Great Arab Revolt. We, however, have held fast to our position; we have stuck to the independence of our Jordanian decision: we continue to defend our rights with manhood and honour. We have fought for the good of our nation, never entering a battle but with the purpose of victory or martyrdom. We are no strangers to the planes and mountains of Palestine, or to the walks of Jerusalem, or to the soil of the Golan... for which we fought under the most diffi-

cult of circumstances. Faced with the changes of the last few years, we came to the decision that we had to wage the battle of a just, comprehensive and permanent peace. We walked the path of peace with national pride. In high national spirit marked by sincerity, full awareness and determination, Jordanians joined the negotia-. tions in Madrid and Washington, and in our own region, until we arrived at the peace treaty between us and Israel. It is a peace on which the peoword of the majority. It is a peace through which Jordan has regained its full sovereignty over its occupied lands and which has restored to Jordan its water rights by one of the parties concerned with the water issue. Jordan hopes, and will strive, in the context of comprehensive peace, to

regain its water rights in Much has been said about the peace process and the peace treaty. The people have had their say after a unique constitutional debate. It is imperative here that the minority opposition respects and observes the opinion of the majority, except within what is prescribed by the Constitution, the laws and the charter in the way of freedom of opinion up until the conclusion of the treaty. Their freedom will always be respected within these limits. But it is unreasonable and unacceptable to go to exaggerated lengths in the name of freedom of opinion, of exercising intellectual terrorism over the people as a whole and denying the right of the majority to take a decision which, at the end of the day, every-

and effects of intellectual terrorism, of misrepresenting religion, faith and righteousness, of tending to deny the right of others to life or to pass over their suffering, or not to realise that other nations have their own orphans and widows. We ask Almighty God to help us face all these circumstances in order to arrive at a new and promising dawn. It is high time for us to define our own responsibilities and priorities before we lay upon others the responsibility of all that has befallen our nation. It is time we dealt with life and its challenges with rationality, courage and a sense of responsibility. I wish to affirm here that Islam cannot be against peace; it cannot side with darkness against light, or with death against life. Therefore, the pulpits of God's Prophet incavers and peace be upon Him), may not after today serve as places for irresponsible expression in the name of Islam, which is innocent of all terrorism, oppression and charges of infidelity and belittlement. Islam does not condone the expropriation of the people's right to hear from ing with the Rabat summit these pulpits all that is good in 1974 and culminating in

their departure from under many of the forms of exthe Jordanian umbrella pression used have reflected a condition that shows us to be uncertain of ourselves, our civilisation and the legitimacy we represent. Some have even gone to the extent of depicting peace as a threat to our nation and civilisation. How can this be reconciled with the fact that we are a nation forged by the experience of history, a country that has pride in the positions it takes, that stands tall and glorious, that understands the march of history and the depth of our nation's culture and its ability to meet the consequences of peace.

## My fellow Jordanians,

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We have made our positions clear all through the decades of conflict. During the Rabat conference in 1974, when the Arab leaders prosposed the formula of the sole legitimate representative, despite our recognition of the Palestine nerstion Organisation since 1964 and my own act of opening the first meeting of the Palestine National Council in Jerusalem in 1965, I said to the leaders: "If our Arab brethren at this exalted conference are of the view that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan does not have the legitimacy of speaking in the name of the Palestinians who live in its midst, who carry its citizenship and who have become part of its institutions, or of defending the right of this people, or of striving to regain their usupred land, or of lifting occupation and doing away with aggression, and if they deem this legitimate aspect to be restricted to the Palestine Liberation Organisation alone, then in the name of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, I place on their shoulders along the responsibility of their decision and all lthe consequences it entails. I consider it to be a release of our current political re-sponsibilities. We leave the verdict on this decision, if

taken, to history." In spite of this, we continued ot bear our responsibilities because of our pan-Arab orientation, thus remaining loval to a history replete with sacrifice and martyrdom, for the sake of our nation and its prime cause. We have always viewed our position as a commitment to the firm brotherhood and the special and distinctive relationship that exists between the Jordanian and Palestinian people on both sides

of the river. We always viewed it as a fulfillment of the trust we bore towards our nation's holy places in Jerusalem, where our great grandfather, Prophet Mohammad (prayers and peace be upon Him) found his ascent to heaven, a role recognised even by those who fought against us, a role of protecting and preserving the holy places, but one denied by the ungrateful. At this juncture, we again stand by the Palestinians in their attempt to achieve their rights on their national soil along the path of peace they have chosen. The West Bank and Jerusalem, which were rescued by the men of the Arab Legion under the leadership of Abdullah Bin Al Hussein and whose people chose the union that arose between the two banks of the Jordan River, have been held in trust and defended by us. We strove to rescue them for their own people. We never bargained over one inch of territory or over one iota of the right of its people to their land all until the Palestinians, aided by all Arabs and by Muslims, chose their own path, start-

which had taken them to the negotiating table. In insisting on dealing with the question of the holy places at the highest level of responsibility, we are calling and striving for a condition of dialogue among the adherents of the divine faiths, preceded by a dialogue among the Muslim sects, which would unify their positions and lead to brotherly relations among the faithful as decreed by God when He made Jerusalem the object of their reverence. This would be assumed under conditions where we all respect one another and which would preserve the rights of all the faithful in all that specifically pertains to them. As for custody over Jerusalem, this can

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bolster the peace of believers in God and will serve to guarantee a continuation of this peace. Pursuant to this position, we shall continue to shoulder our responsibilities towards our nation's holy places in Jerusalem until a final and comprehensive peace is achieved, a peace that would restore the rights to their owners in accordance with the resolutions of international legitimacy. What we harbour in our conscience towards the holy places in Jerusalem and Hebron is as eternal as the positions taken by Al Hussein Bin Ali and is as present as the hallowed blood of Abdullah Bin Al Hussein shed at the entrance of Al Aqsa

Such have been our positions vis-a-vis our nation and Palestine. And we shall continue to advocate our 'nation's freedom, its decision-making independence, dialogue among its citizens and justice to all its peoples. If our calls are to go unhe led we would at least have julfilled the trust of disseminating the message. Those who fail to see the light of day until it is too late must bear the responsibility of time wasted for our nation, time that could have been used for spreading awareness, for construction, for liberating our nation from the tyranny of intellectual inaction, from the heavy hand of political feudalism in all its

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King Hussein: Islam is not against peace ignorance, disease, backwardness, poverty and un-employment. All of this would be a prelude to moving to an overall state of civilised existence, with all its freedoms, institutions laws, knowledge and modemity.

> Dear Brethren I speak to you at a time of great historic change both in terms of events and transformational magnitude. If my remarks touch on history, it is because I fear a return, despite the fact that our actions are carried out in the light of day and before the whole world, of previous phases when contemporary Arab political history was marred selectivity and distortion of many of our positions and characterised by an interpretation of our decisions out of their proper context. This distortion has blemished some of the purest images of the strugle of the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples, namely the decision to unify the two banks of the Jordan in 1950. Of this decision I had said in front of Arab leaders at the Arab summit of Algiers in 1988 that it was a victory for the stream of Arab unity at that point in time.

I wondered then about the degree to which the newer generations were familiar with the facts. Of these is the question of how many of them knew that the Jordanian Arab Legion had rescued the largest part of what was left of Palestine, including Arab Jerussalem in the war of 1948 and the question of how many of them realised that the then representatives of the Palestinian people were the ones who initiated the call for union.

## Dear Brethren

We are now entering a new phase in our history, at a time when the world is embarking on painful transformations. We must face the requirements of this new phase with confidence in the ability of all Jordanians to adjust to a reality of which they have so far been deprived and to interact with distinction. maturity and a sense of responsibility, with the new opportunities of work, construction and creativity We must forge ahead with the process of comprehensive reform down to the minutest detail. We must free ourselves from all forms of hesitation or calls for isolation and prejudice or phenomena leading to a sense of tragedy or pessimism. The Jordanian people in all its segments is a living people, alert to its circumstances. It is a people which has built on this part of our nation's land a modern state though under the harshest of conditions. It has fiercely and obstinately defended itself and its regime. It is now entering an Jordanians, era of peace in the same spirit as it had entered a time of war. It will not abandon any right and will not turn its back to any who are oppressed. It will not cease to be giving, and will not relinquish its democra-

and honour. You have struggled in order that Jordan may hold its head high for all time, despite the sick dreams of those who wanted this country to wither or to be in no position to obtain any of its rights in the future. But Jordan, which looms large because of its people and its valiant armed forces, remained steadfast, true to its principles, sacrificing on behalf of our nation, on several occasions beyond the call of duty. It never sought any recompense except the love of its kith and

to those who can see what is good and benefit from it. For those who would turn their heads away, those who would distort the image out of ignorance or envy, we can only pray that they be brought to see the light before they turn into fossils of history, whose wheels will forever continue to turn.

We have chosen our path

after others have chosen theirs. We have adhered to our Constitution and our charter. Before us lies a phase during which we shall review our national plans in all fields in order to achieve one object: realising a Jordanian model of a modern state based on Shura. We stand at the threshold of a new century, during which we do not wish to fall outside the pale of history. Nor do we want to be followers of others. We wish to treat a straight path and to make our country the capital of our nation's culture, striving to liberate it from dependence, hesitation or inaction. We continue to adhere to the principle that the unity of our nation's culture with its forwardlooking and refined Arab and Islamic roots in terms of creativity, synthesis and approach is the basis of any comprehensive national renaissance in our present time. It would be a renaissance offering our nation a real opportunity to foster life, freedom, justice and equality, and a strong culture capable of interacting with other cultures from a position of confidence, because it seeks light and freedom even as it seeks to be self-generating and judicious in what it accepts and

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On this occasion of speaking to you with clarity within the framework of our one Jordanian family, I wish frankly to, let you know that I and my dear. brother and loyal heir Crown Prince El Hassan are fully agreed on the necessity for quick and wellstudied action to give the opportunity to the generations of Hashemites who will succeed us to continue along the path of our fathers and forefathers, the path which I, together with my family, chose when we selected El Hassan to carry the responsibility which he has with loyalty and distinction, of returning to the Islamic approach of fealty and homage. After us, the grandchildren of Al Hussein Bin Ali shall select from among them and express fealty to whomever they deem most fit to carry the torch and fulfil the message in future generations.

# Dear brethren, free

You have risen to the aid of your country and nation through your sense of duty

nuous negotiations, persisted in defending on country's rights, until, with God's help, we succeeded in restoring them in full, be they territory, water, or borders. I wish to affirm here that the entire borders of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan are defended by the men of the Arab Legion, public security and other related bodies. When the barbed wire and minefields are removed, marking the complete restoration of Jordan's rights and exercise of its sovereignty without any constraint, this would place on them all, and on the people of Jor-

dan, the responsibility of

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## Fellow Citizens,

sentiments on the occasion of my birthday. As your King, brother and son, I take pride in belonging to you, and I depend, in times of hardship, next to God, on your patience and strength. Together with you, I strive for our country's good and glory. I also wish to thank you for your expressed support and blessing of our efforts in the cause of your country and higher interests and its independent decision as it embarked on the battle for peace and emerges from it with honour. My thanks and greetings go to all those who bore the responsibility of the strenuous negotiations and defended, with reason, logic, sound argument and appropriate documentation, their country's rights. My thanks also go to all our constitutional institutions as well as to the government for the efforts they expended and for their contribution in thought and action to the peace process. I also wish to thank the members of our Armed Forces and all our security. agencies, which hold high the banners of our country and in which we have the greatest pride. They are the guardians of our Kingdom and they ensure that no vil can cet to us. Through their great steadfastness, they have taught our nation and the world that an army dedicated to dignity and right;

path of peace, I wish to affirm my determination to do all that in my power to guarantee the good of my people now and in the future. I would thus have fulfilled my obligation to my people, which I shall continue to do as long as I live, together contributing to a delineation of the road ahead for Jordan and all its people. Together we shall. continue to strive for our nations renewed renaissance on the road to liberty. Shura, democracy and justice. We shall work towards complementarity and solidarity of our people within the framework of human dignity, and the right of all to freedom, pluralism, security and peace.

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We ask Almighty God to give us the means of doing what pleases Him, to guide us along the path of all that is good, to guard our coun- try and to bring our nation together in amity.

Peace be upon you and God's mercy and His blessings.

rule to the West Bank. A new

ment of Israeli troops and

Palestinian elections is to:

would implement the auton-

Mr. Rabin said Israel

start Nov. 21 or 22.

# Rabin reassures Gaza settlers

(Continued from page 1)

between Gaza City and Khan tiations on expanding self-Yunis. The Palestinian authority round of talks on redeployhas rounded up 150 fundamentalists in a crackdown on Islamic Jihad since the Netzarim attack.

The group's chief ideo-logue, Abdullah Shami, was still in hiding Tuesday, PNA officials said dismissing reports by an Israeli daily that Sheikh Shami had surrendered to police.

Mr. Rabin said Israel would insist that the Palestinian self-rule authority in Gaza work harder to prevent the staging or planning of attacks from Gaza. If Mr. Arafat failed, the consequences could be serious, Mr. Rabin said.

Despite his tough words, Mr. Rabin stopped short of threatening to call off nego-

omy accord on the "basis of reciprocity." While Mr. Rabin was in Gaza, Israel handed over to the Palestinians authority over welfare and tourism departments in the West Bank.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Associated Press Monday that the elections would not be delayed by extremists. Mr. Rabin's visit here

came after Israelis questioned the necessity of the Gaza communities and leaders said the settlers were a burden on the army.

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# srael hands over tourism

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irough, while Islamic oppoents of the peace process are reiving money from Iran, irah oil states and private onots in the United States. in an interview with the associated Press and APTV, a. Arafat said failure to net Gaza's pressing econoaceds could result in

More serious than that it explosion of the peace ocess," he said. Mr. Arafat blamed Israel a spurring the cycle of vio-

For example, he said, a

suicide bomb attack that killed three Israeli soldiers near a Jewish settlement in Gaza on Friday was in response for the Nov. 2 car-bomb assassination of an Islamic fundamentalist leader, Hani Abed.

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find nothing useful in

"Violence has two sides, and the target is the peace of the brave," said Mr. Arafat.

The Palestinian leader said it was Israel which nurtured the Hamas movement as a rival to Mr. Arafat's PLO during the Palestinian uprising that began in December

"It wasn't me who estab-

lished and gave license to this movement. Israel's government gave them 700 he said, referring licenses.' to permits Israel's military authorities issued for private schools, clinics and other social centers.

In Bethlehem, children marched with a Palestinian flag on Manger Square and lit firecrackers. Palestinian flags decorated the town. 'We have waited for this

day for long years," said Elias Freij, mayor of Bethlehem and head of Palestinian tourism, when Zvi Nevo, the head of Israel's West Bank tourism department, signed over documents

# APEC clinches agreement

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outside competition. But he said China's con-cerns had been allayed by clauses that APEC's programme would be carried out in a "phased and gradual manner" with some members going faster than others. 'The summit went very

effect," Mr. Jiang said. Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama described the leaders' meeting as "important and constructive," adding it had indicated the approach which APEC would take to ensure further

well and will have a positive

development for the region and the world. A signpost had now been

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set for strengthening the open multilateral trading system, freeing up regional trade and investment and intensifying co-operation in key areas of regional develop ment, Mr. Murayama said. Japan would actively following things through, he

pledged. Indonesia's President Suharto, praised by almost every leader for his chairmanship and his drive in galvanising support for the agreement, said APEC's goal was an ambitious one.

"But we are determined to demonstrate APEC's leadership in fostering further global trade and investment liberalisation," Mr. Suharto said.

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position far larger than the

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compassionate spirit will

remain a shining example

In a statement expressing what it called "reservations' on the agreement, Malaysia said the targets were "indicative dates and non-binding on member economies." It said Malaysia would only

commit itself to further trade liberalisation at a pace and capacity "commensurate with (its) level of development." Prime Minister Mohamad has said that while he supports trade liberalisation, he did not want any deadline set for the tariff cuts.

U.K. taxpayers foot bill

Africa fell victim to treasury

cuts, Michael Heseltine's Ex-

port Credit Guarantee De-

partment (ECGD) increased

financial backing for arms

sales to 'risky markets', by a staggering fivefold in one year," the WDM said.

Last week, the WDM suc-

cessfully challenged the legal-

ity of a British government decision to use part of the overseas aid budget to fund the Pergau dam construction

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd was found guilty of acting unlawfully in allowing

aid funds to be used for the

project.
The WDM said it was now

launching a campaign to

change the government's atti-

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Commission world trade role

project in Malaysia.

LONDON (R) — Britain is spending more than £5 million (\$7.96 million) of tax
"Last year alone, as aid to

payers' money a day to sup-

port arms exports, a Third

World pressure group said

The World Development Movement (WDM), which embarrassed the government last week by challenging its aid to Malaysia, said Britain

was the world's fourth largest

seller of arms and that 80 per

cent of British arms sales

went to Third World coun-

WDM spokesman Ben Jackson said: "The public

will be shocked by the vast amounts of their money

which is spent on securing weapons deals in the Third

World, even to regimes

stamping on human rights."

to support arms sales under

the supervision of Trade

Secretary Michael Heseltine.

had risen sharply over the past few years, it said.

At £1.96 billion (\$3.12 bil-

lion), they now accounted for

EU sources said.

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after member states insisted

that they as well as the com-

mission should sign the

accord setting up the new World Trade Organisation

The agreement was signed

in Marrakesh in April, and

the WTO is due to be estab-

lished in Geneva at the begin-

Government export credits

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# Japan proclaims trade surplus is starting to fall

for a decrease after it saw the surplus shrink for the third

said, however, that they do not expect future falls to be faster than in the August-October quarter because Japan's exports may grow steadily on strong overseas

The politically sensitive

October from \$10.93 billion a year earlier. That was within private economists' forecasts...

release of the October data.

KIEV (R) — Ukrainian Pres-

ident Leonid Kuchma Mon-

day ordered a speed-up in

farm reform, authorising for

the first time private own-

A presidential decree, published by Ukrinform News

Agency, constitutes the first

major step undertaken by

The programme was drawn up with the approval of the

International Monetary

Fund, which last month

approved an initial credit

councils to speed up transfer

of land to private hands. It

BISHKEK (R) — Kyrgyz President Askar Akayev

issued decrees Tuesday de-

signed to tighten financial regulation and head off possi-

ble scandals involving get-

rich-quick schemes similar to

the defunct MMM fund in

A separate decree prom-

ises to open the transport

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The decree urged local

Mr. Kuchma as part of a

programme to introduce mar-

ket reforms.

\$371 million.

**Ukraine's Kuchma signs** 

decree on privatising land

But the official added that it was not clear whether the surplus would fall without exception in future months, or whether its downward trend would be uneven.

But the October surplus widened to a surplus of \$8.65 billion from \$8.46 billion a month earlier after adjusting for seasonal factors, the

and Asian nations.

The official said currency fluctuations and oil prices were still unclear as factors,

mobile imports doubled from vear earlier in October while vehicle exports grew

year due to the effect of this year's hot summer, which depleted oil stocks, the official

The trend of replacing domestic products with imports is likely to continue, depending on the pace of a recovery in the domestic eco-

nomy, economists said. A strong yen may also continue to increase the quantity of the imports. But imports are unlikely to grow faster than exports, partly because the yen's recent rally to historic levels did not minimise Japan's exports.

Instead, they were boosted by overseas demand, the economists said. The dollar was traded at around 99 yen in October, against 106 yen a

year earlier. "Despite the recent appreciation of the yen, the trade figures showed that major Japanese industries, which had been more competitive in the past than overseas industries, still remain competitive," said Takashi Kodama, economist at Daiwa Institute

of Research. Mr. Kodama also said imports are difficult to grow faster than exports because exports were already around 50 per cent above the level of

In October, exports totalled \$34.62 billion, while imports were \$25.34 billion.

# Inter-Arab private investment falls 36% for arms exports — survey

KUWAIT (R) — The flow of private investments within the Arab World was cut by more than a third in 1993 to \$308.1 million, the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation (IAIGC) said

"The total flow of private direct inter-Arab investments reached... \$308.1 million in 1993 compared with \$483.8 million in 1992 registering a fall of 36.6 per cent," the IAIGC, owned by Arab governments, said in its monthly

The report did not comment on the reasons for the

Egypt ranked first in attracting Arab private investors with \$104.5 million pouring into its economy in 1993, but that was a 71.2 per cent fall compared with 1992, said the report.

The Kuwait-based cor-

poration said the United Arab Emirates attracted \$55.1 million in 1993, 210.5 per cent up on 1992. Saudi Arabia ranked first in exporting capital, with

\$109 million invested in the

economies of other Arab Paradoxically, Lebanon and Syria, among the Arab World's least wealthy states, came second and third among Arab states exporting private capital to other Arabs with \$52 million and \$24.3 million

respectively. Economists say wealthy Gulf private investors prefer to place their funds in developed industrialised economies where their investments amount to hundreds of billions of dollars.

The report of the 20-year-old IAIGC said the Arab industrial sector took the lion's share of investments with \$137.7 million.

# Syria to reform banking system, set up new banks

In a policy speech, obtained by Renters Tuesday, that Mr. Zu'bi made before the newly-elected par-liament Monday night, Mr. Zu'bi also said some other economic laws and regula-tions would be amended or abolished.

He said the government would continue to support the private sector towards a greater role in the socialistoriented economy.

Mr. Zu'bi said.

have urged the government to set up investment and export-import banks.

state-owned. They make very limited use of computers. Simply depositing or with-drawing money can take

Mr. Zu'bi also spoke about the country over the last four

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Mr. Zubi did not give details but economic sources said among the laws to be amended or abolished were

work to unify the different

He gave no timetable for

they expected to see a unified rate no later than before the end of next year.

pound to the dollar are: An official rate of 11.2 pounds to 23 pounds and an encourageBRUSSELS (R) — The fied the Uruguay Round European Court of Justice

**Euro Court curbs European** 

wise be too costly.

Tuesday curbed the role of The sources said the comthe European Commission to mission's court action had negotiate on behalf of Euroapparently backfired against pean Union (EU) member it because of the binding opinion that the commission states in world trade issues, must share world trade nego-The long-awaited court tiating responsibility with member states in services and pronouncement opens the intellectual property rights (IPR), which are new areas way for the EU to try to complete ratification of the covered in the Uruguay

Uruguay Round trade agreements by a tight end-year deadline, but raises questions about how the un-Round. Eight member states and the EU Council of Ministers opposed the commission in ion will conduct its trade polithe Luxembourg-based The commission had court. They wanted a future sought confirmation from the say in many areas of the accords on services and IPR court that it has exclusive competence to act for the EU negotiated by the commission them at worldwide level. which it does on other mat-

in the seven-year Uruguay

They argued that the pre-

does not pay up, then the

government uses taxpayers' money to foot the bill," the

WDM statement said. "Yet ECGD has backed arms sales.

to countries such as Saudi Arabia, Oman, Nigeria, Tur-key and Indonesia, all ac-

cused of violating human

rights or in regions of ten-

The pressure group said it would deliver giant sweets to department of trade and in-

dustry offices Tuesday to

publicise its message: "No

sweeteners for arms sales".

denied allegations that Bri-

tain was using its overseas aid

budget to win lucrative arms

deal with undemocratic Third

Observer newspaper said Bri-

tain is putting together a huge

arms deal, worth an esti-mated £2 billion (\$3.2 billion)

with Indonesia despite calls

for a weapons embargo be-

cause of Jakarta's human

A report in Sunday's

World regimes.

The government Sunday

sent EU treaties did not cover services and IPR in sufficient detail for the commission alone to negotiate over ters under rules governing the EU's common commercial policy. Three countries — Greece,

Germany and Britain - have already ratified the accord setting up the WTO and its annexes containing the specific agreements negotiated under GATT on areas such as agriculture, textiles and telecommunications.

## HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologiet, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Get and ideas so that they can be far friends to help you put affairs on a more modern basis and try to side step any argument that could occur under the mid day affairs. Pluto aspect that is effecting your chart.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Think about how you can best put your most interesting capabilities will be able to advance towards

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)
Take a good look at your residence
and consider what you can do to
make it more habitable, then you
can add those conditions to achieve
this worthwhile purpose.

GEMENI: (May 21 to June 21)
Think about those with whom you have been routinely allied for sometime past and let them know you appreciate and want more constructive progress. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) Think about your property and possessions and what you can do to improve them and then quickly put into motion some be-neficial results.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Decide what your long range plans and ambitions of a personal nature are early, then you can visualise the best means to make them a part of your life.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You now have a chance to organise and analyse your thoughts.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) First consider you long planned for desires and then consider new and progressive means by which they can become an active part of your life.

more productive for you in the days ahead.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You start the week with good ideas for more stability to worldly activities and reputation.

then you can add some additional zip to your life. SAGITTARIUS: (.November 22 to December 21) Consider plans for taking a trip that has been planned for sometimes and then add some further places to go or persons to contact them.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You have been trying for sometime to get mate to do what you want and if you approach from a different angle you can achieve this result now.

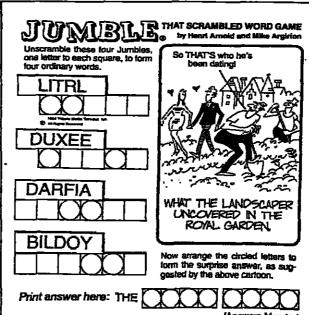
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have one who has been reliable for a long time to assist your early in the day while later a more modern and up to date seems is belieful person is helpful.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) This is the day when you can organize and plan whatever your activities early on a very intelligent basis while later put more zest into doing them.

Birthstone of November: Topaz-Tiger's Eye

THE Daily Crossword by Henry Salzhenden





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# TOKYO (R) — Japan finally declared Tuesday that its dol-'lar-based trade surplus was at a turning point and heading

month in a row in October. Officials and economists

demand, outstripping the growth in imports. October also marked the first time in eight months that Japan's dollar trade surplus with the United States fell.

surplus with Washington fell 6.8 per cent to an unadjusted \$4.79 billion from a year ago. The overall customscleared trade surplus fell to an unadjusted \$9.28 billion in

which had ranged from \$9.2 billion to \$10.9 billion. "It (the trade surplus) is at a turning point. It has fallen year-on-year for the three straight months or one quara ministry of finance (MOF) official said after the

ministry said. The MOF official said the year-on-year decrease in October owed much to growing imports from the United States, the European Union

but imports were boosted mainly by growing purchases of automobiles, aircraft, clothing and semiconductors. In volume terms, auto-

3.1 per cent. Imports of semiconductors and related parts grew 44.0 per cent year-on-year in dollar terms. Crude oil imports grew 13.1 per cent year-on-

said landowners could sell,

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Ukrainian citizens, provided

they did not change its prim-

Communists had resisted

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ities watchdog and tidy up regulations for savers de-

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They aim to prevent a

situation like the one in Russia, when MMM stopped

buying back shares, leaving investors holding worthless paper. Critics said MMM was

a pyramid scheme, using

cash from new investors to

buy back old shares at rising

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# Belarus rolls back some

MINSK (R) - Bread and milk prices were lowered in Belarus Monday after President Alexander Lukashenko demanded an immediate roll-

all plans to legalise sale of land. They hold about 90 of parliament's 450 seats, while other leftists with similar views have a further 60 to 70. "Private ownership of land is perhaps the most important step in carrying out land reprogramme on course.

form," First Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Pynzenyk told Reuters after the decree was published. "Today, everyone understands that if such an initiative is not undertaken, nothing can go forward," he

Kyrgyzstan clamps down rights set rules for founding investment funds, boost the

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back of recent increases.

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"This is a temporary, tac-tical retreat," Prime Minister Mikhail Chigir told a news conference three days after Mr. Lukashenko's emotional demand to cancel price in-

prices for the same goods. We will continue to reject reaction was a healthy one of

# DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Zu'bi has said his government plans to reform the banking system, unify ex-

"The government will work in the next period to amend the laws of the specialised banks to parallel the economic development. We will study the possibility of setting up a bank for invest-ment and one for export,"

Local and foreign in

All banks in Syria are more than an hour.

the necessity of abolishing, amending or introducing new economic regulations to para-llel economic development in

# price rises

But most prices in the for-

at higher levels and top ministers said they would make no further cuts in order to keep a market reform

"Next month, we will return to the question of free

a man with a big heart."
The price of a litre of milk fell from 310 Beigrussian rou-

Monthly salaries in the re-public sandwiched between Russia and Poland stand at about 120,000 roubles — or

In a dramatic live television appearance Friday, Mr. Lukashencko said politicians, journalists and parliament were hindering his activity.

Is everything all right?

THERE'S A LOT O' THAT - RUSHING IN AND FEARING

# change rates, and is studying setting up export and invest-ment banks.

those imposing harsh penalties amounting to 15 years in jail with hard labour against foreign currency dealers. 'The government will

exchange rates in the country in stages and in a studied way within the framework of an integral and comprehensive economic plan," Mr. Zu'bi

the removal of the existing exchange rates system, which gives three different values for the Syrian pound against other currencies. Economic sources said

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The pound traders on the black market at between 48 and 50 pounds to one dollar.

other big trading powers such as the United States and Japan also have still not ratione Gold & Gems one **₩ DAJANI'S** one PERSONAL SHOPPING Jewelry

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# Business & Finance

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# Al Dustour Arabic daily raising capital to JD1.5m

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Jordan Press and Publications Company, which publishes Al Dustour, the Kigdom's second largest-circulation Arabic language daily, is raising its capital by JD500,000 to JD1.5 million, officials of the company has said. They said the increase

would be effected through the issuance of 500,000 new shares carrying a book value of JD1 each. The shares will be issued free of cost to the company's present stockholders. Each shareholders would get an equivalent of half of his or her present

holdings in the company.

that the company has built over the years. The voluntary reserves and retained earnings as well as compulsory deposits of the company stood at JD1.42 million at the end of 1993, representing 142 per cent of the present paidup capital of the company.

A report in the local press said Tuesday that the general assembly of the shareholders had taken the decision to increase capital, and the company had applied to the comptroller of companies for approval.

It said the comptroller of companies had in turn approved the request and recommended to the minister of industry and trade to approve it. The request is ministers with a recom-

that it be approved, the report said.

The Social Security Council (SSC), a quasigovernment agency, owns 37 per cent of the company's equity, having acquired it in 1988 when the government took over all newspaper establishments. Ownership of the newspapers was returned to its previous owners in the private sector in 1990, but the SSC has continued to retain its holding.

The Jordan Investment Bureau, the government's investment arm, has returned its 15 per cent equity in the company to its previous own-

The market price of the shares of the company went down to JD3.770 from JD14.500 on Tuesday ahead of the anticipated new issue, part of which is expected to enter the Amman Financial Market (AFM). Only 400 shares were traded during the day.

The Jordan Press and Publishing Company made a net profit of JD1.3 million for the year 1993 and is expected to post a similar if not higher figures this year.

# Trading at Amman stock market on upward swing

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The constitutionalised and formal ratification of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty have interacted with year-end anticipations to boost the Amman stock market, where trading as well as stock prices shot up this week, brokers said Tuesday. \_Also contributing to the upward swing was statement last week that a multi-sectoral and government committee would study the taxation structure and would take into consideration the concerns of investors before

including capital gains for income tax, the brokers said. The general share price index based on 60 major companies closed at 150.04 points, up 4.8 points, or nearly three per cent, from the

week's opening of 145.8, the daily report of the Amman stock market said Tuesday. The daily turnover for Tuesday was nearly JD 2.9 million during day's sole morning session. That fell largely in line with the increase in daily trading this week. On Sunday, the daily

volume was JD 3.5 million while Saturday's turnover was JD 5 million. The upward swing was re-

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week, brokers said, adding that Tuesday's closing figures were up from Saturday's opening although some of them showed declines for the

According to the brokers, the formalisation of the peace treaty with Israel and indications that 1995 would bring in economic benefits of peace to Jordan were among the major factors that boosted the

market. Also at play was a trend among investors to acquire shares and adopt positons ahead of figures to be released by many companies in

"Indications that the move to tax capital gains, including equity rises in the stock market, is being put off until next year were also good news,' said a broker, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with market guidelines.

Influencing investors were also signs that Jordan had made a good presentation of its case at the Oct. 30-Nov. 1 economic summit in Casablanca, Morocco, and that the Kingdom could expect serious investor interest, the brokers said.

Jordan presented projects worth \$18 billion to the Casablanca meeting; some of the projects are long term but about \$3 billion in infrastructure expansion and modernisation are expected to be launched soon.

Furthermore, the slow but steady foreign response to Jordan's appeal for debt re- little, if any, short term in-

tors who take the move as the strong indication yet of a conviction that the Kingdom's economy was turning around fast and could register a better than expected

growth this year. Also helping the market were indications that relations between Jordan and the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in Gaza and Jericho could be on the way to improvement after several

months of uncertainty. However, investors are cautious on this count, brokers said. "There have been too many false signals this year, and nobody is willing to bet that relations between Jordan and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) would return to normal in a matter of weeks," said a banking executive.

The inference was clear: Although Jordan and the PNA have signed economic agreements — which remain unratified and hence unimplemented — it would take some time before the accords could take effect and reflect on prospects of Jordanian businesses even if the two leaderships were to sort out their differences and bring relations onto an even plain.

"Those who prefer to take positions based on mediumterm prospects are taking interests in Jordanian companies seen to benefit from economic interaction with the Palestinian territories," said the broker. "There is very

ISMAILIA, Egypt (R) — The Suez Canal Authority. anxious to deter competition from alternative routes, has cut transit rates for liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers by 35 per cent.

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northwards and to carriers heading south in ballast. The Suez Canal Authority had already promised Qatar a A circular from the author-35 per cent discount on any

> last month. The promise was designed to discourage any Qatari plans to export gas to Europe through a pipeline crossing

the discount applied both to

loaded gas carriers going

"We are not against Oatar's shipping gas to Israel but we are against Israel being a centre for the distribution of Qatari gas to Europe. If this happens it will adversely affect the Suez Canal earnings," authority chairman Ezzat Adel said.last

Israeli Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said last week that Enron Corp would probably conclude a deal next month to develop a natural gas field in Qatar and would then begin talks to sell liquefied natural gas from the field to Israel.

He did not mention Qatari gas exports from Israeli

The 35 per cent discount in Egypt's most decisive step in the battle to ensure the canal retains its dominant position as a trade route between Europe and western Asia.

Canal revenue fell 3.2 per cent in the first nine months of the year, mainly because an increase in the capacity of the SUMED pipeline across Egypt has cut oil traffic in the canal.

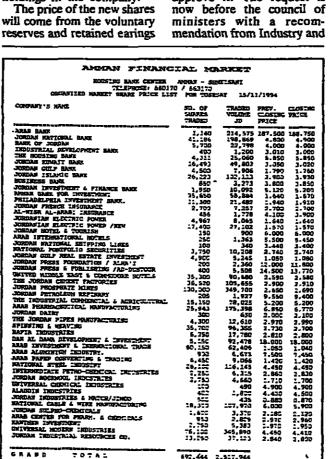
The discount is unlikely to reduce canal earnings further, however, because very few if any natural gas carriers now use it. The United Arab Emirates is the only Gulf country exporting gas, mostly eastwards to Asia.

# Vietnam issues first personal cheques

HANOI (R) - Banks started issuing personal chequebooks to individuals in the Vietnamese capital Hanoi Tuesday under a pilot project launched by the central state

The number issued was not immediately known but bankers said the scheme got off to a slow start because people who normally make all their payments in cash did not like the idea of paying the 2,000 dong (\$0.18) fee levied on each cheque.

The aim of the project is to limit the use of cash and phase out the need to carry suitcases full of banknotes, or a pocket full of small gold bars, to make large payments.



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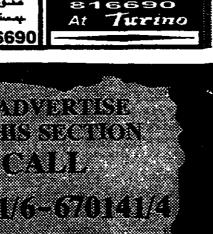
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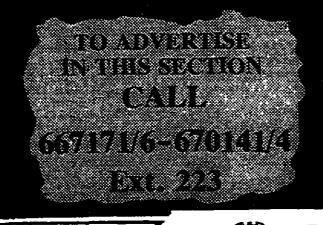
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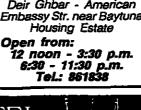
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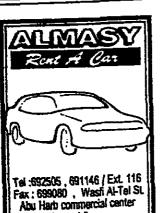
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# Beckenbauer in charge at Bayern Munich FA charge Grobbelaar

MUNICH (R) — A new era began at Bayern Munich Monday when "Kaiser" Franz Beckenbauer was elected chairman of the club he joined as a fresh-faced teenager in the 1960s and later led to a string of

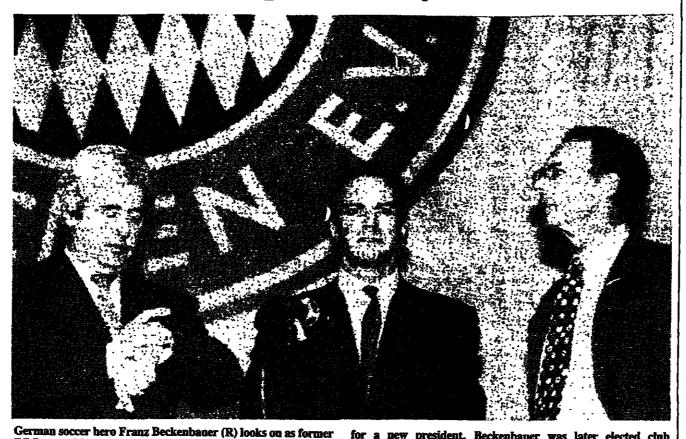
All but 10 of Bayern's 2,928 members who took part in the election in Munich's Olympic Stadium cast their vote for Beckenbauer, who both captained and coached West Germany to World Cup victories.

Beckenbauer, 49, succeeds Fritz Scherer, who will now become one of Bayern's three vice-presidents after being at the helm of Germany's reigning soccer champion for nine years.

One man alone means nothing," Beckenbauer said after his election. "We can only be strong as a team."

In this farewell speech, Scherer said he had no regrets about losing his job to Beckenbauer, until now a Bavern vice-president.

To make way for someone like Franz Beckenbauer is no demotion but a challenge to work with him to make Bayern even stronger than it is now," Scherer said.



for a new president. Beckenbauer was later elected club president and both Rummenigge and Scherer are now two of three vice-presidents (AFP photo)

LONDON (AFP) - Southampton goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was formally charged by the Football Association Monday over allegations that he took bribes to fix matches.

The FA said the player faces charges of "conduct which is improper or liable to bring the game into dis-repute" and "acceptance of consideration with a view to influencing the result of a match."

Grobbelaar has 14 days in which to answer the charges. An FA disciplinary commission will hear the accusations.

But FA Chief Executive Graham Kelly gave Grob-belaar the all-clear to continue playing for his club, saying he would not be temporarily suspended and no other action would be taken against him at this stage.

Kelly stressed that the goalkeeper was innocent until proven guilty, saying: "I think it would be very extreme to suspend a person until he has a chance to explain himself.

"We want to bend over backwards to be fair to him and allow him to answer the charges.

ing considered documents and videos relating to the allegations, the FA had concluded there was a case

to answer. Kelly felt it would be difficult for Grobbelaar to continue playing with the charges hanging over him, but said: "That is entirely a matter for Southampton.

He added: "We view the charges very seriously in-deed. But he has time to reflect upon the charges, to consult with his advisers and come back to us with his explanation.

Lawrie McMenemy, Southampton's director of football, said: "I'm delighted he's been allowed to carry on playing.
"He will be given the

opportunity to go in there with his solicitor and clear up whatever charges are levelled against him," he

Southampton now expects the 37-year-old Zimbabwe goalkeeper to return from international duty in Harare to begin preparations for the game against Arsen-

Grobbelaar was due to return to England Monday van said: "I expect he'll now go back on

Allegations that Grobbelaar took bribes to throw English Premier League matches first surfaced in the Sun newspaper last week.

He has flatly denied the claims and is suing the newspaper, whose video and tape-recorded evidence was passed to FA officials. lawyers and police. The goalkeeper, a sport-

ing hero in Zimbabawe, put the furore aside on Sunday by helping his national side to a 2-1 African Nations Cup victory over Zaire. McMenemy stressed that

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Southampton had not yet seen the video tapes, secretly filmed by the Sun news-But he added: "Of aill

the players I have ever dealt with, this Bruce Grobbelaar is a one-off. He can go out there and live with it."

Grobbelaar Monday slip ped out of sight of the media that has hounded him since allegations he accepted bribes to fix match results were published last

# Hill puts on brave face; Schumacher denies accusations

LONDON (Agencies) — Damon Hill arrived home Tuesday still trying to erase Australian Grand Prix from

The Williams-Renault driver confessed that the way he lost the Formula One drivers' championship to bitter rival Michael Schumacher in Adelaide on Sunday con-

tienues to haunt him. And as the 34-year-old touched down after an exhausting 22-hour flight from Australia, he admitted that his mind keeps creeping back to the controversial crash with Benetton driver Schumacher which ended his hopes of emulating his late father's title triumphs.

Controversy still rages over whether Schumacher deliberately took Hill out of the race ont he 36th lap, realising that his own race was over with his car wrecked after an error that saw him drive into a

Television screenings appeared to show the Gerbefore swerving across Hill to cause the collision that forced the British driver out and give Schumacher the cham-

pionship by the slender mar-gin of just one point. The moment still causes Hill visible pain, but he said: "I'm obviously disappointed by what happened, but I'm not destroyed by it. Hill still refuses to blame

Schumacher for what happened - unlike former world champion Alain Prost and ex-motor cycling star Barry

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FC Bayern Munich President Fritz Scherer (L) checks the time

and former Munich striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (C) regards the scene as club members gathered to cast their vote

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ing crown and shrugged his

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been more aware of what he tory has received from the British popular press. British tabloid newspapers were enraged at Schumacher's victory over the Briton after a collision in the

Australian Grand Prix and

their accusations of cheating

ception his Formula One vic- were front page news in German papers as Schumacher returned to his homeland.

> Told of the British reaction, Schumacher shrugged his shoulders and said there was no hard feelings between



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# Knicks fourth-quarter stall gives Jazz victory

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — New York Knicks coach Pat Riley will have a hard time getting over his team's fourth-quarter performance against the Utah Jazz.

We got hung up on 88 points forever and just could not get over the hump.' Riley said after Utah rallied from an 88-83 deficit with 10 minutes remaining Monday night to rout the Knicks 110-

"They just took it right to us. It was a bad, bad fourth period.... we turned the ball over and they were just get-

ting layups. Antoine Carr scored in the lane to start a 16-0 run, John Stockton tied it with a 3pointer with 9:05 remaining and the Jazz didn't allow another point until they had the game well in hand at

99-88 with five minutes left. "I can't explain to you how big this win is," said Karl Malone, who had 29 points and 13 rebounds as the Jazz ended a three-game losing

"Considering what's happened to us - as far as needing one at the right time — this is one of the biggest wins I've ever been involved

Utah outscored New York 31-13 in the final quarter.

"We were right there, right up until Stockton hit \*that 3," New York's Derek Harper said. "They seemed to rally behind that and go from

Stockton, who had 20 points and 14 assists, just beat the shot clock.



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there and the my "When I came back for when the think that ery much," she said.

Halard steamrolled the Spaniard in the opening set, mixing deep ground strokes with short balls, volleys and throp shots to keep her on the

She had beaten Sanchez Vicario once before, at Wimbledon in 1992. And she knew the Supreme surface was not Sanchez Vicario's favourite. Even so, Halard was aware that she would have to be aggressive to win against a woman who had won eight tournaments this year, including the French and U.S. opens.

"With Arantxa it's difficult to finish the rally at the back of the court," Halard said. "In the tiebreaker I knew I had to go to the net to finish the points.'

Sanchez Vicario said she had nothing to regret. "I'm not disappointed, because I think I played well,' she said. "I'm not a machine, I'm a human being. You never can win everything." After winning the first set

in 39 miunutes. Halard flag-

"I played very well the first set, but we had some tough rallies. At the beginning of the second set, I didn't have enough breath to run," she "My legs were shak-

"I cannot even believe it," In the third, she got a she said. "This is a tournasecond wind, buoyed by the ment I dreamed about.

That's why I really want to play my best."

Martina begins final tournament

All eyes will be on the 38-year-old crowd favourite. "If you go back 10-15 years ago, it wasn't anything like that," Pam Shriver said. "But they grew to know her, and the barriers came down the barriers of someone with a funny name and a funny accent. With a different lifestyle, with muscles and going against Chris Evert, who was... Chris Evert.

"People got to understand her better, ...in the end, they saw enough of her emotion on the court, and they got to know her history. ... The next thing you know, people feel they grew up with Martina. She's been around for 20-

some years."
Since 1973, actually, when she joined the pro tour. And in that span she has won a record 167 singles titles more than any other man or woman - and a record 165 doubles crowns.

She has played 1,649 matches and won 1,438 of them. In 1983, she posted an In a three-year span from 1982 through 1984, she lost a total of six matches while

winning 254. This year, she has won just one title — the Paris Indoors in February. Unless she wins here, she will snap her streak of winning two or more singles titles each yeare since

The Garden has been the scene of some of her greatest triumphs. Whether the tournament was in March or in November, Navratiloval has dominated, winning seven singles and 11 doubles titles and reaching the singles title match four other times. All of that winning has

been lucrative. She has earned more than \$20 mil-"It will be very interest-ing," said Craig Kardon, Navratilova's coach. "I think

if she could put all her emo-

tions aside as to this being her last match or last week, then think she can play well. "But when she gets in her

matches, she gets a little bit careful. I think she is worried about how everybody is going to remember. She is trying to be a little bit too perfect.'

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## Shabab Al Hussein lose in Arab volleyball tourney

BEIRUT (Petra) — Jordan's Shabab Al Hussein lost 3-0 to Al Busheierh in the opening match of the 13th Arab Volleyball Championship which began in the Lebanese capital Tuesday. Ten Arab countries are participating in the competition.

## Med Games hope to link Israel and Palestine

Palestine and Arab countries at the Committee, said Tuesday before leaving for an Executive Commission meeting in Bari he expected to be able to obtain majority ted. Collard intends to meet delegates from Syria, Libya and Lebanon to make sure they would abide by a majority decision. He said there was no question of Palestine being admitted separately. Israel, barred from the Asian Games since 1978, was last week admitted to the European Association of National Olympic Committees. Palestine is a member of the Olympic Council of Asia and had a competitor at the Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan, last month.

## Baseball owners to make new offer

NEW YORK (AFP) - Baseball club owners will try to break the impasse in the 95-day strike by players when they make their first new offer since June 14 Thursday. The proposal was not expected to contain a limit on salaries, which the players say they will never accept. Instead, a tax on clubs with the from Napoli last year. highest payrolls and revenues may be the way out. Owners rejected the proposal when it was made by players in September and cancelled the season. The tax would be about LONDON (AFP) - Gerry Francis has been Money would go to less well-off clubs.

## Samaranch to meet Mandela

LAUSANNE (AFP) - International Olympic Committee President Juan-Antonio Samaranch is to meet South African President Nelson Mandela as part of an African trip which starts Wednesday. Samaranch heads a delegation of top Olympic officials, although no dates were given in the IOC's brief announcement Monday. The group includes Mario Vazquez-Rana, head of the Association of National Olympic Committees, Keba Mbave of the IOC's executive committee, lean-Claude Ganga, head of the Association of African National Olympic Committees and Fekrou Kidane, the IOC's director of international cooperation.

## Quebec on course for Olympics

QUEBEC CITY (AFP) — The International Skiing Federation has approved two sites for the men's downhill if Quebec City is awarded the 2002 Winter Olympics. "It's a very impor-

head of the bidding committee, said. The International Olympic Committee announces a short list of four candidates from the nine bidding cities on Jan. 24. The IOC session at Budapest in June will make the final choice. Salt Lake City (Utah), Sion (Switzerland), Ostersund (Sweden) and Quebec are favourites to make the final four.

## More honours for Colin Jackson

PARIS (AFP) — Israel may compete against LONDON (AFP) — British hurdler Colin Jackson was named as his country's Sports Mediterranean Games at Bari, Italy, in 1997. Personality of the Year Monday. The Welsh Claude Collard, president of the Med Games athlete received his award from the Princess Royal at a star studded ceremony at London's Cafe Royal. Cardiff-born Jackson was unbeaten over the 110 metres hurdles this year approval for Palestine and Israel being admit- as he retained his Commonwealth and European titles. He was awarded 20 onekilogramme gold bars earlier this season for winning each of the 'golden four' Grand Prix meetings at Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin. Jackson beat other nominees including women's world number one golder Laura Davies and racing driver Damon Hill for the

## Careca joins J-League football

TOKYO (AFP) — Brazilian striker Careca finally secured a berth in the J-League next season when his team, Kashiwa Reysol, were promoted from the second division Tuesday. Cerezo Osaka were also promoted by the board of directors, bringing the J-League to 14 teams for next season. Careca was runner-up to leading scorer Gary Lineker of England in the 1986 World Cup. He joined Reysol

## Spurs appoint Francis

1.6 per cent on the 16 top clubs by revenue confirmed as the new manager of Tottenham and 1.6 per cent on the top 16 clubs by salary. Hotspur in succession to Ossie Ardiles. Chairman Alan Sugar made the announcement Tuesday to end the uncertainty at White Hart Lane after Ardiles was dismissed two weeks ago. Francis, who walked out on Queens Park Rangers following a disagreement with the board last week, has been hot favourite to take over the North London Club after David Pleat rejected the chance to rejoin the club as general manager. Francis said: "It was sad to leave QPR but this is a new chapter in my life. We've got a very talented squad here.'

## Swiss choose clay court for Davis Cup tie

GENEVA (R) — Switzerland have chosen an indoor clay surface for their Davis Cup World Group first round tie against the Netherlands next February 3-5 in Geneva's Palexpo Exhibition Hall. Swiss non-playing captain Stephane Oberer said Tuesday the decision was made jointly with Davis Cup stalwarts Marc Rosset and Jakob Hlasek as the bigserving Dutch led by Richard Krajicek were less effective on the slower surface. Rosset won the Olympic gold medal on clay in tant decision because it means all our com- Barcelona in 1992 and, partnered by Hiasek, petition sites have been approved by the took the French and Italian Open doubles international federations," Rene Paquet, titles in the same year on similar courts.

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

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A.—You have a good hand, both in terms of high cards and distribution, and the best way to advise

partner of your strength is to redou-ble. A bid of two diamonds would tend to show a more distributional

two-suiter with fewer high cards and a jump to three diamonds would promise a better suit.

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South

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A.—There are hands with which we would open one spade when holding four spades and five hearts, but this is not one of them. Should partner respond one no trump we have an easy rebid regardless of methods. Our minor-suit holdings are such that we could pass comfortably, or rebid two diamonds if partner's response was forcing.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

AA1097632 TAQ876 Void &Q Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one club. What

action do you take?

A.—First, let's eliminate two takeout bids. Never make a takeout double on a two-suited hand. And if a cue-bid by you would show a two-suiter, you won't know what to do.

after partner responds in nearts. We would bid either one spade or four spades, with a leaning toward the former, since it keeps open a

What action do you take?

# ves Jazz victor Tennis goes rock 'n' roll at ATP

Season ending Slims Championships begin

support of the vocal New York crowd.

Halard wrapped up the match in two hours and 14

minutes when Sanchez Vicar-

io blasted a forehand service

return straight into the net.

In the second round.

Halard will face the winner of

the match between Martina

Navratilova and Gabriela

In Monday's earlier sing-

les, eighth-seeded Kimiko

Date of Japan beat Sabine

Hack of Germany 6-3, 6-0.

making her first appearance in the final of the women's

tennis season, trailed by a break at 2-3 in the first set.

But she won the next 10

games to wrap up the match

in 57 minutes over the Ger-

man, who got into the event

as an alternate when Bulga-

rian Magdalena Maleeva

Date, currently ranked 10th in the world after

reaching a high of number five, was thrilled to be play-

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code of dark suit, blue shirt and patterned tie which adorned the likes of Pete

Sampras, Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Spaniards Sergi Bruguera and Alberto Berasategui and American Michael Chang.

The bearded Agassi appeared on stage in jeans, a white T-shirt, blazer and cowboy boots. For once, his long hair flowed free instead of being crammed in under a trademark baseball hat. "If I play like I have for the

past three months (when he has compiled a formidable 21-1 match record and three tournament titles), I like my chances against anybody, said the world number two.

Agassi is expected to dominate the four-man Red Group, which features Chang, Bruguera and Berasategui.

"The question is how long can you keep up the level. I

hope to play better than I have been, otherwise I'll probably be a step behind," he said.

The presentation of the finals was made among the chaos of FanFest, the Tour's travelling roadshow of tennis games, multi-media demonstrations and skill tests for the

Hundreds of schoolchildren and teenagers flocked to

semi-finals are the serve and volley brigade of Goran Ivanisevic, Becker and Edberg. "It's always easier indoors

against a baseliner," said Edberg, who qualified for the year-end event for a 10th consecutive time. "At least you can make them

Becker is the only German taking part after Michael Stich, the defending champion, was knocked out of contention with a first round defeat in Antwerp last week.

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# Mansell top British earner

LONDON (AFP) - Nigel Mansell was Britain's highest earning sports star in the past 12 months, according to figures released Tuesday.

A BBC Radio Sports Yearbook has Mansell picking up nine million pounds for his 12 months work as Indy Car and Formula One driver to oust boxer Lennox Lewis from pole position.

Lewis drops to second place on £5.2 million, with Chris Eubank moving up to third on 3.4 million.

Golfer Colin Montgomerie is a newcomer to the charts, while Frank Bruno, snooker player Steve Davis and chess genius Nigel Short all slide into comparative poverty and are off the list from last year. 13. (12) Pat Eddery

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Compilers of the book have 400 metre hurdler Sally Gunnell as the highestearning woman with 450,000 pounds. Top earners between Nov.

1, 1993 and Nov. 1, 1994 with last year's position in brack-1. (2) Nigel Mansell

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Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you ±975 ~AQ102 ∴J64 ±K83 West's opening bid of one diamond is passed round to you. What action

do you take! A .- Your hand has neither the A.—Your pand has nettner the strength nor the distribution for a halancing takeout double and we would like a tad more to balance with one no trump, especially in diamonds. Since we don't believe in diamonds. Since we don't beheve in letting the opponents play unhin-dered at the one-level, we would balance with one heart, despite the fact we have only a four-card suit.

Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: \$\dag{A84} \times \times \Q95 \cdot \A76 \dag{A}103 Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond. A.—The answer depends on your no-trump range. If you play 16-18 points, jump to six no trump; if it is 15-17, invite with four no trump. With a hand that does not contain a ruffing value, we would not bother to explore for a possible 4-4 fit in

Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you

both those actions would indicate

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34-year-old

author wins

PARIS (AFP) -- France's

most coveted literary prize, the Prix Goncourt, was awarded Monday to 34-year-

old Didier Van Cauwelaert for his novel "Un Aller Sim-ple" (A One-Way Ticket),

the jury announced.
Although the cash value of the prize, instituted in 1903, is only 50 francs (\$9) the

resultant publicity assures the

winner of huge sales. By tradition the prize is awarded by the 10 members of the jury

following a gourment lunch at a top Paris restaurant. Van

Cauwelaert is the author of

seven novels and several

theatrical pieces. His winning work is described as a mix-

ture of comedy and tragedy.

In the first round of voting

there was a tie between "Un

Aller Simple" and "La Fille Du Gobernator" by Paule

Constant, each receiving five

votes. Van Cauwelaert won

on the casting vote of the president of the jury, writer Herve Bazin. Another major literary prize, the Prix Re-

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# Rabin vows to ensure American aid to Israel

The newspaper said arch-

conservative Republican

Senator Jesse Helms, due to

head the Foreign Relations

Committee in the new Con-

gress, had stunned Israeli officials with a proposal to halt the \$1.2 billion in econo-

"I would like to see a very

precise record of his remarks

before I shall react to them. I wouldn't like to react just by a hasty publication," Mr.

Yedioth Ahronoth said the

initiative, proposed to the

Israeli embassy in Washing-ton by a Helms advisor,

would forgive Israel's out-standing debt. But the news-paper said the net effect

would be a sharp cut.
"Americans from all par-ties have realised that only a

strong Israel can prevent

wars, contribute to stability

and tranquility in the region

and make it possible for Israel to take calculated risks

for peace," Mr. Rabin said.

pare for a cut in aid following

Party in congressional elec-

Mr. Netanyahu, the Likud Party chief, said the vote

signalled a desire to treat

problems at home rather than

But Mr. Peres told repor-

ters on Tuesday: "We have

very good relations with both

parties. Also, the foreign re-

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed ahead of a trip to Washington on Tuesday to safeguard U.S. aid to Israel, amid growing fears among Israelis the new Congress will cut their \$3 billion-a-year-

Mr. Rabin, due in the Un-ited States on Wednesday, said Israel needed the aid for its security and to help finance peace deals with Jor-dan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) especially in the face of attacks by Palestinian oppo-

The package — \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic aid — is more aid than any other country receives from the United States.

"I'll meet elements in America concerning what they call the 1996 budget years which begins on Oct. 1, 1995... to ensure the size of aid is maintained," Mr. Rabin told reporters at an Israeli army post in the Gaza

He and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres tried to brush aside fears, boosted by an Israeli newspaper report on Tuesday, that the new Republican-led Congress would cut aid.

"I feel quite self-assured that it won't happen," Mr. Peres told reportes when asked if he feared a short-or long-term cut.

Israel's biggest newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth ran a headline across its front page screaming: "Threat to halt

bipartisan, and I hope that will also remain the situa-

Asked how it would be possible to reach a peace accord with Syria if the Un-ited States withheld aid to Damascus, Mr. Peres said: "I wouldn't jump to conclusions. Let's negotiate and then we shall see."

Israeli politicians have al-ways perceived U.S. aid as an important issue with an electorate that is one of the most heavily taxed in the

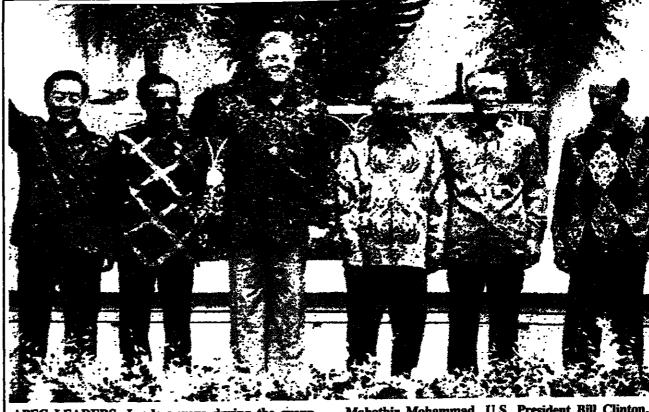
The U.S. administration pointedly withheld loan guarantees to Israel until Mr. Rabin took office in 1992 on a promise to reduce govern-ment support for Jewish settlement in occupied lands which flourished under his right-wing predecessor Yit-

"Most of the civilian aid is for reimbursing Israeli debts to the American govern-ment," Mr. Peres told Israel radio ahead of Mr. Rabin's departure.

Israeli opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu said last week Israel should pre-A Bank of Israel spokesman told AFP that Israel pays \$1.2 billion a year to service the debts, which werthe thrashing of President Bill Clinton's Democratic re run up in the 1970s and early 1980s when American nilitary aid was provided as a

> For the past decade, however, this aid has been given as a straight grant. Mr. Peres added that military aid should not be

(Continued on page 3)



APEC LEADERS: Leaders wave during the group photograph on the back steps of Bogor Palace at the sixth Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum (see page one). (From left) South Korean President Kim Young Sam, Malaysian Prime Minister

Mahathir Mohammad, U.S. President Bill Clinton Indonesian President Suharto, Japanese Prime Minis-ter Tomiichi Murayama and Mexican President Carlos Salinas (AFP photo)

# Turkey, Greece play down Aegean conflict

ANKARA (Agencies) — Ankara played down the threat of armed conflict between Turkish and Greek navies exercising in the Aegean on Tuesday, one day before a new treaty takes effect giving Greece the right to expand its territorial wa-

There will be no incidents if nothing comes from the other (Greek) side," Foreign Minister Mumtaz Soysal was quoted as saying overnight to the Anatolian news agency. Mr. Soysal spoke in the Hague after meeting Greek counterpart Karolos Papoulias. "We don't expect the other side to take a decision that will compel us to use force. They will not take a step that will produce a bad

His words were the latest reaffirmation of Ankara's position that it will fight if Greece extends its territorial

Turkish troops fire in

waters to 12 nautical miles in the Aegean Sea, a move which Turks say would effec-tively deny Turkish ships pas-

sage to the high seas.
Greece says its parliament will ratify the Law of the Sea Convention granting the 12mile limit but has not said if and when it will enforce it. Turkey has no plans to sign the treaty.

"There are certain things we cannot permit." Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller said. "We are not exploiting this issue internationally. Weare not aggressors. We are not provocateurs."

In Athens, government spokesman Evangelos Venizelos repeated Greece's insistence it would not proceed with the extension.

Mr. Venizelos repeated his earlier insistence made Monday that Nov. 16 was not a significant date as "nothing is going to change" and that Turkish leaers should not its waters but claims the "interpret erroneously" Greece's position on the

Mr. Venizelos had also said Monday the Greek parliament would ratify the sea convention in accordance with the policy of its Euro-pean union allies, saying the terms of the convention would not have any immedi-

Mr. Soysal had earlier forecast an "apocalypse" and a Turkish victory if war broke out between the two rivals on the subject.

Ankara feels the convention, in awarding Greece 71.5 per cent of the Aegean as against its present 43.5 per cent, would result in an "unacceptable hegemony" for Athens as a regional maritime power.

Greece has said it has the "sovereign right" to extend move is not one of its "priori-

Monday to defuse the tension as their foreign ministers met in the Dutch city of Noordwijk on the fringes of the Western European Union meeting over the Bosnian arms embargo.

to reschedule the operations.

laume Le Touze, aged 26, for his noval "Comme Ton Pere" (Like Your Father). But both sides moved New high-profile

'We will give nobody the

satisfaction of seeing two neighbours make war on one another," Mr. Soysal said, while Greek counterpart Papoulias declared separate military manoeuvres by both sides this week would not be undermined by "incident."

In the meantime, Turkey continued with its manoeuvres in the Aegean, while Greece is set to start its own exercises in the area this week, despite a call from Washington for both nations

LONDON (R) — Britain's Princess Diana assumed highprofile charity role after a

charity role

for Diana

troubled year of semi-retirement. She attended a reception where British Red Cross officials announced she was to head their fund-raising campaign for next year's 125th anniversary of the organisation. Newspapers, awash with stories of royal books picturing Princess Diana as lonely and unstable but determined to fight a hostile royal machine, have heralded this as the end of a withdrawal from public life she declared suddenly last December. "I'm coming back with a vengeance, you ain't seen nothing yet" one news-paper quoted her as saying earlier this month. Princess Diana, who will be the figurehead for the Red Cross ventures across the country, looked relaxed and chatted animatedly with other special guests at the event in a central London mansion. The estranged wife of heir-to-thethrone Prince Charles did not speak publicly at the lannch. A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said Princess Diana had gradually increased her public engagements in recent weeks but added, "this (Red Cross role) should not be seen as a 'comeback'."

## Milan museum asks to exhibit Codex Hammer'

MILAN (R) — A Milan museum said that it wanted to show Leonardo D Vinci's "Codex Hammer," bought at an auction for a record \$30.8 million by Bill Gates, the billionaire chairman of Microsoft Corporation. The Leonardo Da Vinci Museum of Science and Technology, which displays copies of Da Vinci's drawings and models, said in a statement it was ideal for exhibiting the illustrated 16th-century manuscript of pre-modern science. Mr. Gates, the United States' richest person, was identified Saturday as the anonymous buyer of the "Codex Hammer," which predicted the invention of the submarine and the steam engine.

## Galdar fined \$300 for calling Zhirinovsky fascist

MOSCOW (AFP) — Former Russian Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar was fined one million rubles (\$300) by a municipal court for calling ultra-nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinvosky a fascist, Interfax reported Tuesday. The judge, who confirmed an earlier ruling by a lower court, said Monday that Mr. Gaidar had insulted Mr. Zhirinovsky when he called him "the most popular fascist in Russia" in an article published in the daily Izvestia last May 17. Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose Liberal Democratic Party made a strong and surprising showing in legislative elections last December, is currently on a visit to the United States.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

# 8 killed, 60 injured in Algeria jail mutiny

ALGIERS (AFP) - At least eight inmates were killed and 60 injured on Monday in a mutiny started by Muslim fundamentalists at Berrouaghia prison, 80 kilometres south of Algiers, the press reported Tuesday. One paper gave the number of dead as 11 after the security forces intervened. number of dead as 11 after the security forces intervened. The mutiny began Sunday when some 20 inmates armed with knives, forks and other sharp weapons, tried to seize control of the prison, notably by setting fire to their bedding. Around 800 detainees are being held at the jail, the majority sentenced by special courts set up to deal with charges of terrorism and subversion, according to the daily El Watan. El Watan said there had been inadequate surveillance of the inmates and their families. Muslim prisoners had been giving common criminals instruction in prisoners had been giving common criminals instruction in "jihad" (holy war). Last March 1,000 Islamic fundamentalists escaped from a prison at Tazoult. Around half of them were killed by security forces pursuing them after the

# Greenpeace ship docks at Beirut

BEIRUT (AP) - The Greenpeace ship SV Rainbow warrior docked at Beirut port Tuesday on an unprecedented visit by the environmental group to Lebanon. The ship, with 23 experts aboard, will spend four days in Lebanon, which is grappling with ecological problems compounded by the 1975-1990 civil war. The visit is designed to introduce the international environmental organisation to the Lebanese people and to help raise awareness of environmental problems," said Mario Damato, Greenpeace Mediterranean coordinator. An exhibition to "illustrate the meaning of clean production and its feasibility in today's beleaguered Mediterranean environment," will be on display aboard the ship, he said in a statement. "We look forward to talks with Lebanese from all walks of life and to broadening the debate around the issue of clean production in Lebanon," added Mr. Damato. The vessel has been in the Mediterranean since August.

# Carbomb explodes near Turkish embassy

BELGRADE (AFP) - A carbomb exploded Tuesday near the Turkish embassy and the Serbian presidential palace in Belgrade, police said. Police said a passenger of the car was injured in the blast but according to a Turkish diplomat, who asked not to be named, a passenger in the vehicle was killed. The diplomat said he did not believe the Turkish embassy was the target. The car blew up 20 metres from the embassy in front of the headquarters of a Belgrade company, Interkomerc. While windows close to the car were shattered, the embassy itself was left intact. The state news agency, Tanjug, attributed the explosion to a grenade in a Swiss-registered car.

# **British Gas strikes in Hadramaut**

ADEN (AP) - A British company has struck gas in commercial quantities in the southern Yemeni province of Hadramaut, Oil Ministry officials said Tuesday. British Gas made the discovery as its team was drilling the last well to which it is committed in a concession area, known as Block 9. Hadramaut is about 650 kilometres southeast of the port city of Aden. The company was evaluating the strike, said the officials, who did not wish to be named. They said that British Gas also holds 49 per cent in Block 35, and the whole of Block 38 on the Red Sea island of Socotra. The company is to start with seismic surveys and drill two exploration wells in 1995 in the 3,000 squarekilometre concession it holds on Socotra.

# Lebanon launches largest hospital

BEIRUT (R) - Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri in Beirut on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for what will be Lebanon's largest hospital. Construction of the 500-bed government hospital and medical school, which is to cost 580 million, will be financed by the Lebanese government, the Islamic Development Fund, and the Saudi Development Fund. Mr. Hariri said work would start "very soon" on the first phase of the project, which will be carried out by a Saudi-Lebanese consortium at a cost of \$45 million

# Yeltsin promotes Middle East envoy

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin's special envoy to the Middle East, Viktor Posuvalyuk, has been promoted to deputy foreign minister following Iraq's formal recognition of Kuwait, the ministry announced Tuesday. A career diplomat, Mr. Posuvalyuk played a key role in Russia's mediation with Baghdad — which formally recognised Kuwait last week, four years after invading the emirate. Mr. Posuvalyuk 54, worked in Yemen and Syria before taking up ambassadorships in Oman and Iraq.

# **PLO likely** to delay meeting in Gaza

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee was expected to delay its meeting set for Tuesday in autonomous Gaza City be-cause not enough members agreed to attend

Suleiman Najjab, a leader of the Palestinian Communist Party, told the East Jerusalem newspaper Al Ouds the first Executive Committee session to be staged in Gaza.

"There has not been any agreement for such a meeting to be held in Gaza and not Tunis, where the PLO has its official headquarters and the Executive Committee is based," said Mr. Najjab.

His refusal to attend raised to seven the number of Executive Committee members staying away.

The 18-member committee needed a quorum of 12 to meet on Tuesday, or else the session would be delayed for a day, until Wednesday, with a quorum of at least nine, under PLO rules.

Since the launch of Palestinian self-rule in May, seven Executive Committee members have been based in Gaza, including PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Another two members living abroad — Ali Ishaq and Mahmoud Ismail - had joined them by Tuesday, a public holiday in the self-rule areas for the anniversary of the PLO's proclamation of a Palestinian state on Nov. 15,

Before Mr. Najjab, several members based in Tunis and Amman had rejected meeting in Gaza and warned that Palestinian unity could be jeopardised.

Among those refusing to attend is PLO Political Department chief Farouq Kaddoumi. He called such a meeting "premature so long as the Israeli enemy has not withdrawn from all of Palestinian territory.'

Another committee member, Mahmoud Abbas known as Abu Mazen, was also not expected to attend, according to a Palestinian source in Tunis where the PLO was headquartered before the launch of autonomy in May. In Jordan, another four committee members said Sunday they would stay away

boycott of the meeting. Mr. Kaddoumi began a three-day visit to Pakistan on Tuesday, officials said in Islamabad

for similar reasons to Mr.

Kaddoumi. Two urged a

He held talks with Foreign Minister Assef Ahmad Ali and signed a protocol on economic and cultural cooperation.Mr. Kaddoumi was also expected to meet Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

air to disperse protesters NICOSIA (AP) — Turkish roops fired in the air and become an annual ritual.

Carrying Greek and Cy

clashed with stone-throwing Greek Cypriot demonstrators amid protest rallies Tuesday to mark the !1th anniversary of the creation of a breakaway state in occupied northern Cyprus.

Police said at least 10 students were slightly injured by flying stones in the village of Dherynia on the outskirts of the Turkish-occupied port city of Famagusta. It was not clear if any Turkish Cypriots or mainland troops were hurt on the other side.

Elsewhere along the green line which slices the island into Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot sectors the rallies were relatively more peaceful.

Thousands of Greek Cypriots had thronged to the demarcation line since the early morning to denounce the Turkish Cypriots' proclamation of independence on Nov. 15, 1983.

They were mainly students given time off from schools to stage the rallies, which have

Carrying Greek and Cypriot flags, they gathered along the demarcation line. policed by United Nations

forces. In Dherynia, the students broke through Greek Cypriot police lines and a human barrier created by U.N. soldiers. As they got close to the Turkish troops' front line, the firing began.

Undeterred by the warning shots, the students began pelting the other side with stones and the Turkish troops responded in kind, police spokesman Glafcos Xenos said. He said the injured students were taken to nearby hospitals, but none of them was in serious condition.

In the capital. Nicosia, about 3,000 demonstrated at the Ledra Palace crossing between the northern and southern sectors.

But Greek Cypriot riot policemen manned barbed wire barricades and blocked repeated attempts by the vouths to break into the buf-

Sunni Muslims do not allow

temporary marriages," the

communique said. Sunni

Muslims represent the main

religion in Algeria.
The communique added

that most of the people killed

at the start of the month were

"innocent civilians savagely

massacred" as part of a sweeping military campaign to terrorise the population.

public roads, showing signs of

mutilation and horrible tor-

ture," the communique said.
It added that the government had banned various

newspapers to prevent them

The bodies are thrown on

# 'Syria, Egypt, Iraq and Iran Israel's enemies' TEL AVIV (AFP) — Syria was lifted, Baghdad would heads the list of Israel's "gain the capability to pro-

potential enemies, followed by Egypt, Iraq and Iran, the leading Israeli strategic analyst said here Tuesday. "Syria is the greatest

threat," said analyst Yistah Shapir at a press conference to launch the annual study of the Middle East Military Balance by Tel Aviv's Jafee Centre for Strategic Studies. "It has Soud missiles, it has

chemical warheads for the missiles. It is gaining more missiles from North Korea and acquiring a capability to produce them, which is rather new in the Middle East." he said. Mr. Shapir listed Egypt

second because, despite 15 years of peace with Israel, one cannot disregard the existing capability to produce Scuds." Mr. Shapir recalled Egypt was the first country to use such missiles against Israel in 1973.

Iraq was today only the third major threat but Mr. Shapir warned that once the U.N. embargo on the country

duce chemical weapons in

very short time."
"As long as Saddam Hussein is in power, I don't think he will give up his desire to acquire such weapons."

"There is absolutely no hard evidence that Iran is going to develop nuclear weapons," insisted the analyst. "Buying nuclear reactors is not the direct route to nuclear arms."

The centre's director, Josef Alpher, warned that despite the strategic gains for Israel from peace with Jordan and autonomy for the Palestinians, "the hard part is ahead."

He said the wave of extremism had yet to peak and that the redeployment of Israeli troops on the West Bank would only create "one hundred flash points"

He urged Israel to close off the Gaza Strip and West Bank permanently, keeping Palestinians out totally until peace could be ensured.

## 1,000 killed in Algeria in 9 days — FIS BONN (AFP) - The Alge-"Everyone knows that and Monday during two sepa-

rian military killed over 1,000 people, mostly civilians, in Algeria in a nine-day period at the beginning of this month, the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) said in a communique sent to the AFP office here Tuesday. The communique charged

that the Algerian military was responsible for an attack which killed four boy scouts on Nov. 1 during ceremonies commemorating Algeria's war of independence from France. The military used the im-

ages of the attack — and of the c hild victims - to launch a media blitz against the fundamentalists it blamed. FIS said, however, it had

not carried out that attack and said government forces were to blame for the murder of two sisters that the government claimed had been killed by Islamic fundamentalists because they refused to enter into illegal "temporary marriages" with Islamic militants.

The communique said that

the two sisters were in fact

killed because their brothers

were Islamic militants and

their parents were supporters

of the "Islamic project."

from publishing the truth about the attacks and had distri-buted weapons to fuel conflicts setting one part of the population against another. The FIS also charged that the government has received shipments of sophisticated weapons including fuel ox-

> vicinity of one kilometre. It said some of the weapons were furnished by an unidentified European country. The authorities in Algeria reported that seven Muslim militants were killed Sunday

ygen bombs that wipe out any

living organism within a

rate raids. They said five of the mili-

tants were killed Monday near the eastern town of Constantine and two others were killed Sunday near the western town of Relizane. The FIS and other Islamic

a campaign to topple the government since January 1992, after the military intervened to cancel the second round of elections the FIS was poised to win. The international human rights group Amnesty Inter-national said in a report last month that some 20,000-30,000 people have died in

Algeria since 1992 in violence

blamed on both sides of the

groups in Algeria have waged

conflict. The emergence of an Islamic government in Algeria is "only a matter of time." a senior FIS member said in an interview published in Beirut Tuesday.

Anwar Hadam, head of the FIS parliamentary delegation abroad, told the Lebanese newspaper Al Nahar in Washington that if an Islamic state were not achieved through dialogue it would be obtained through "jihad" (holy war).

"We had hoped that this could be peaceful out they forced the jihad on us and they are destroying our institutions," Mr. Hadam said. He said Western countries, namely France, were responsible for this situation.

The jihad for us is a means not a goal," Mr. Hadam said. But Mr. Hadam said the

FIS was still committed to finding a peaceful solution with the government through negotiations provided FIS leaders inside and outside Algeria were allowed to meet to map out a unified position. Such a meeting would mean official recognition of the FIS, he said.

Mr. Hadam denounced the current government in Algiers as "illegitimate." He called on the army to return to barracks and blamed the government for the situation in Algeria.

Mr. Hadam also expressed opposition to plans by President Liamine Zeroual to hold presidential elections next year saying: "We consider the current government un-constitutional and any deci-sion it takes is unconstitution-